

Overview

The DCU Centre for Family Business improves the knowledge, skills and abilities of Irish family businesses by offering rich insights on best practice for family business management. The objective of the Centre for Family Business is to lead national and international research in the area of family business and to engage with the Irish family business community. The Centre aims to educate incumbent and next-generation managers about the challenges and opportunities of family business ownership and to support the management and sustainability of Irish family businesses for future generations.



Research Areas



Key research projects include:

- The role of entrepreneurship and innovation in family business success
- The impact of a family's personal values on the family business's survival and growth
- The entrepreneurial origins and growth patterns of Ireland's largest family businesses
- Planning for 'Next Generation' involvement in the family business
- Navigating the succession process
- Managing the 'Family' in the family business
- Family and business governance structures.

Why work with us?

The Centre for Family Business is the only centre that is dedicated to understanding Irish family businesses and helping them to succeed.

We produce high quality research of significant scale and we aim to achieve international recognition as a centre of expertise on family businesses. The Centre also aims to be the voice of Irish family businesses by conducting policy-based research.

We facilitate the translation of research to industry and practice, and educate incumbent and next-generation Irish family business owners. This improves their knowledge, skills and abilities by offering deep insights as to best practice in the sustainable management of family businesses.



Centre Members

Academics



Dr Eric Clinton is the director of the CFB. His research interests are primarily concerned with strategic entrepreneurial practices in multi-generational family firms, focusing on how entrepreneurial and innovative mindsets within family businesses are passed from one generation to the next.



Prof Colm O'Gorman is a Professor of Entrepreneurship at Dublin City University Business School. His research focuses on entrepreneurship, innovation, and growth in new firms and in small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

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