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FINANCIAL iNTELLIGENCE PROGRAMME

Professional education for financial intelligence practitioners

Specialist courses | Diploma pathways | Professional recognition | MBA progression



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Financial Intelligence

THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMME

Professional education for financial intelligence practitioners

The Financial Intelligence Programme (FIP) provides in-depth study across individual financial intelligence disciplines, combining specialist subject knowledge with academic resources, instructor-led learning and applied assessment. Courses can be studied individually to address specific professional development needs or combined to build towards a Diploma in Financial Intelligence. Each course focuses on a distinct area of practice, enabling learners to build technical knowledge, applied capability and the understanding required for career development, professional recognition and academic progression.

Participant Profile



The FIP is designed for professionals whose roles involve identifying, assessing, investigating or mitigating financial crime risk.

Participants typically have roles in the following areas:

Financial services | Financial intelligence | Compliance | Risk management | Law enforcement | Government | Regulatory bodies | National security

The programme is suited to experienced practitioners seeking to deepen their knowledge, professionals preparing for more senior responsibilities, and individuals transitioning into financial intelligence and financial crime roles.

Flexible specialist education for working professionals

Participants can develop their expertise while balancing professional commitments.

Why Develop Specialist Financial Intelligence Expertise?



Develop specialist knowledge

Build deeper knowledge in specific areas of financial intelligence and financial crime.



Strengthen analytical capability

Develop critical thinking, investigative and analytical skills that can be applied to complex financial intelligence and financial crime challenges.



Apply knowledge in practice

Explore real-world scenarios and develop the ability to assess information, identify risks and apply professional judgement within your own working environment.



Support professional and academic progression

Supports career development and professional recognition, with selected Diploma pathways offering progression towards MBA study.



In-depth study, designed for professional application

Each FIP course combines specialist learning materials, academic resources, instructor-led learning and applied assessment.

FLEXIBLE STUDY, BUILT AROUND YOUR GOALS

Study specialist courses

Choose individual courses to develop expertise in a specific area of financial intelligence or financial crime.

Build towards a Diploma in Financial Intelligence

Combine your course choices within one of the FIP Diploma pathways to achieve the Diploma in Financial Intelligence.

Three Diploma pathways offer different ways to structure your FIP studies, depending on your interests and progression plans.



LEARNING & ASSESSMENT

Specialist learning materials

ManchesterCF Financial Intelligence learning materials underpin each course, incorporating case studies, regulatory reports and developments in financial markets. The materials are developed by subject-matter experts and experienced practitioners and are regularly updated to reflect evolving financial crime risks and regulatory expectations.

Specialist learning is complemented by academic literature and peer-reviewed research, providing broader perspectives and supporting deeper study of each subject area.

Instructor-led learning

Structured online learning is supported by instructor-led sessions, presenting opportunities to explore subject matter, discuss practical issues and apply learning.

Applied assessment

Each course includes two assessments: a situational analysis and best practice review, designed to develop critical thinking, professional application and reflection within the participant's own professional environment. Marking and moderation are undertaken by academic team members with experience of UK higher education assessment.

SPECIALIST COURSES

The FIP offers 20 courses that can be taken individually, combined to align with your professional interests and career goals, or studied as part of a Diploma pathway.

Required*:
- Accelerated Diploma
- Advanced Diploma

*Electives for Applied Diploma

Electives
- Applied Diploma
- Advanced Diploma



Fundamental AML

The foundations of anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing, including money laundering methodologies, regulatory obligations, customer due diligence and suspicious activity reporting within financial institutions.



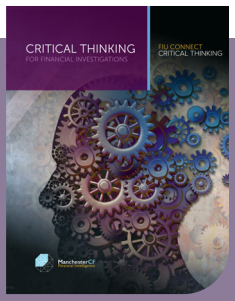
Financial Investigations

Investigative methodologies, intelligence-led approaches and practical techniques for analysing, documenting, evaluating and reporting financial crime concerns.



Corruption

Corruption typologies, anti-corruption frameworks and practical measures for identifying, assessing and mitigating bribery and corruption risks.



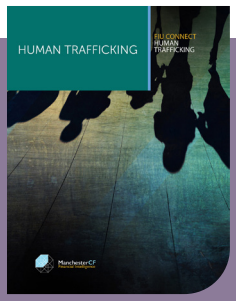
Critical Thinking

Structured analytical techniques for evaluating information, challenging assumptions and supporting sound judgement, problem-solving and decision-making in complex environments.



Economic Sanctions

Sanctions regimes, regulatory expectations, sanctions screening and practical approaches to identifying and managing sanctions-related risks within financial institutions and other regulated environments.



Human Trafficking

Financial indicators associated with human trafficking and exploitation, supported by case studies, behavioural patterns and transactional red flags used to identify, investigate and report related activity.



Environmental Crime

The role of financial intelligence in identifying and disrupting illicit financial activity associated with environmental crime, including relevant financial typologies, indicators and investigative approaches.



Trade-Based Money Laundering

How international trade systems can be exploited to disguise the origin and movement of illicit funds, including common typologies, transaction red flags, trade documentation and approaches to identifying suspicious activity.



Capital Markets

Financial crime vulnerabilities across capital markets and investment services, including securities fraud, market abuse, insider dealing and money laundering risks, together with relevant controls and monitoring techniques.



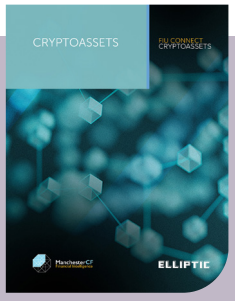
Correspondent Banking

The complex money laundering and sanctions risks associated with correspondent banking relationships, including due diligence requirements, enforcement actions and practical approaches to risk management.



Open Source Intelligence

Practical techniques for researching individuals, companies and beneficial ownership structures using publicly available information to support investigations, due diligence and intelligence gathering.



Cryptoassets

Blockchain technology, financial crime typologies, sanctions evasion techniques and indicators of suspicious activity, supported by practical examples and industry case studies.

Learning materials are developed by ManchesterCF Financial Intelligence in collaboration with Elliptic.

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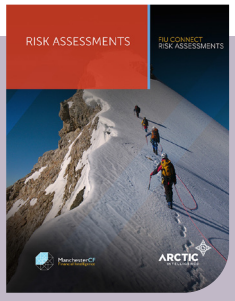

Risk Assessments

Regulatory expectations, risk identification methodologies and approaches to developing effective, defensible and risk-based financial crime assessments.

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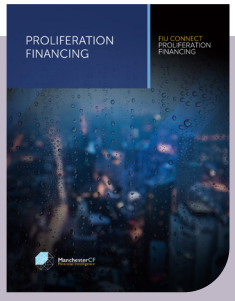
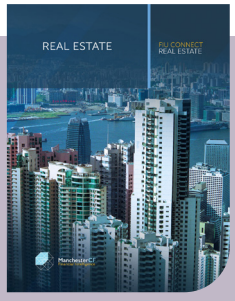
ARCTIC INTELLIGENCE



Proliferation Financing

International regulatory frameworks, sanctions obligations, typologies and indicators associated with the financing of weapons of mass destruction, with a focus on the detection challenges which financial institutions and national authorities face.



Real Estate

Property transactions and their vulnerability to money laundering, including sector-specific risks, common red flags, relevant controls and investigative approaches.



Report Writing

Techniques for presenting evidence, applying logical analysis and producing clear, concise and professional intelligence reports.



Private Banking

Financial crime risks arising from complex ownership structures, cross-border activity and source of wealth considerations, with a focus on effective controls and risk-based approaches in high-risk wealth management environments.



Terrorist Financing

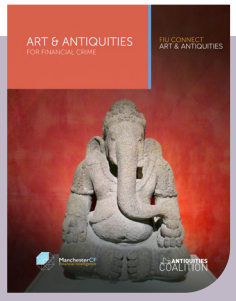
Methods used to raise, move and utilise funds for terrorist activity, together with financial indicators, case studies and the role of financial institutions in identifying and preventing terrorist financing.



Wildlife Trafficking

Financial typologies, transactional red flags and intelligence approaches used to identify and report financial activity associated with wildlife trafficking and organised criminal networks.

Learning materials developed by ManchesterCF Financial Intelligence in collaboration with United for Wildlife.



Art & Antiquities

Financial crime vulnerabilities within the global trade in fine art, antiquities and cultural property, including money laundering typologies and emerging risk considerations.

ManchesterCF Financial Intelligence learning materials developed in partnership with the Antiquities Coalition.

CHOOSE THE PATHWAY THAT MATCHES YOUR GOALS

Specialist courses can be studied independently or combined within one of three Diploma pathways. Each pathway offers a different combination of structure, flexibility, specialist choice and progression opportunities.

Accelerated Diploma in Financial Intelligence

For professionals seeking a structured route towards MBA progression

The Accelerated Diploma provides a focused programme of study across eight required courses. It is designed for professionals who want a structured route through the FIP before progressing to MBA study.



8 courses | 9 months

Award: Diploma in Financial Intelligence

Progression: Eligible graduates may apply for the Bangor University FCCMBA or IFMBA through the SAP2 route.*

Applied Diploma in Financial Intelligence

For professionals seeking maximum flexibility to shape their specialist programme of study

The Applied Diploma enables participants to select twelve courses from across the FIP portfolio, creating a programme of study aligned with their professional responsibilities, interests and career objectives.



12 courses | 12 months

Award: Diploma in Financial Intelligence

Professional recognition: FIS designation

Advanced Diploma in Financial Intelligence

For professionals seeking structured study, broader specialist expertise, FIS recognition and progression opportunities towards MBA study

The Advanced Diploma combines eight required courses with a choice of any four, enabling participants to develop a broad foundation in financial intelligence while extending their expertise into areas aligned with their professional interests and objectives.



12 courses | 12 months

Award: Diploma in Financial Intelligence

Professional recognition: FIS designation

Progression: Eligible graduates may apply for the Bangor University FCCMBA or IFMBA through the SAP2 route.*

*Subject to the University's admission criteria

	Accelerated	Applied	Advanced
Courses	8 required	12 selected	8 required + 4 selected
Duration	9 months	12 months	12 months
FIS	—	✓	✓
MBA progression	✓	—	✓

Flexible Study Duration

Diploma pathways typically involve three courses per 12-week term. Participants can choose a slower pace by studying fewer courses in any term and may complete their Diploma over a maximum period of 24 months. This provides flexibility to accommodate professional responsibilities, changing work priorities and personal commitments.

WHAT YOU CAN ACHIEVE

The FIP provides a structured route from professional study to recognised qualifications and, for eligible Diploma graduates, progression towards MBA study.

Diploma in Financial Intelligence

Successful completion of any FIP Diploma pathway leads to the award of the Diploma in Financial Intelligence.

The Diploma recognises advanced knowledge, professional judgement and applied competence across a broad range of financial intelligence and financial crime disciplines.

Financial Intelligence Specialist (FIS)

Successful completion of 12 FIP specialist courses leads to the FIS designation, awarded by ManchesterCF Financial Intelligence.

The FIS designation recognises demonstrated knowledge and professional competence across financial intelligence and financial crime prevention. The designation is awarded for life, with no ongoing membership fees, recertification or additional CPD requirements.

MBA Progression

The FIP provides a pathway into specialist MBA study for eligible graduates of the Accelerated Diploma and Advanced Diploma.

Through Bangor University's Short-Accelerated Route (SAP2), eligible graduates may receive recognition of prior learning either the Financial Crime & Compliance MBA (FCCMBA) or the Illicit Finance MBA (IFMBA).

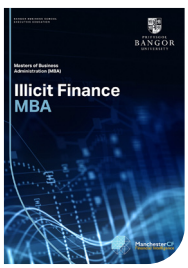
Financial Crime & Compliance MBA (FCCMBA)

Develop strategic, leadership and management capability within financial crime, compliance and financial services.



Illicit Finance MBA (IFMBA)

Explore illicit finance through broader strategic, policy and national security perspectives.



Short-Accelerated Route (SAP2)

Eligible graduates may receive recognition of prior learning equivalent to approximately 50% of the MBA programme.

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INDUSTRY ENDORSEMENT



"BACO is proud to have helped inspire the development of the Financial Intelligence Programme. As financial crime risks continue to evolve, compliance professionals must be equipped with practical knowledge, strong analytical skills and a deeper understanding of financial intelligence. Programmes such as this are important in strengthening professional capability and supporting a more resilient financial services sector."

Ashley Butler
President
Bahamas Association of
Compliance Officers (BACO)

PROGRAMME PARTNERS

About ManchesterCF Financial Intelligence

ManchesterCF provides online financial intelligence training programs with a global perspective to place practical knowledge into the hands of participants. Since 2004, ManchesterCF training has been implemented by financial institutions, public-sector agencies and multinational corporations around the world. The training material is regularly updated, drawing from case studies, regulatory reports and developments in international financial markets. The researchers and contributors to these training programs hold decades of experience in international banking, financial intelligence and compliance.

About Acwila Executive Education & Training

Acwila Executive Education & Training brings together expertise in the development and delivery of executive and higher education programmes. The team has extensive experience in designing and leading education for professionals in financial services, alongside specialist subject knowledge and professional experience in areas including compliance, financial crime and illicit finance.

In collaboration with ManchesterCF Financial Intelligence, Acwila developed the Financial Intelligence Programme (FIP) to address a gap in professional education, combining in-depth study of individual financial intelligence disciplines with a structured pathway that can lead seamlessly into MBA study for eligible graduates.

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