DCU Centre for Family Business was established in 2013 and is the first dedicated centre of excellence and learning for family enterprise in Ireland.

**Our mission**
To lead national and international research in the area of family business and to translate leading Irish and international research into best practice, for both incumbent and future generations of Irish family businesses.

**Our Vision**
To be the first centre of excellence in the sustainable management of Irish family businesses for current and future generations.

To support family businesses with practical and constructive management advice based on best industry practice.

**Our Objectives**
- To create knowledge about Irish family business through our targeted research projects.
- To translate knowledge into practice for owners and managers of Irish family businesses.
- To pro-actively engage with Irish family businesses.
- To highlight nationally the importance of Irish family businesses to the Irish economy.
Creating Knowledge about Irish Family Businesses

Researching Irish Family Businesses
DCU Centre for Family Business produces high quality, targeted research of significant scale, enabling the Centre to achieve national and international recognition as a hub of expertise on family firms.

Our research projects include:
• Managing the ‘Family’ in the family business.
• Family and business governance structures.
• Planning for ‘Next Generation’ involvement in the family business.
• Navigating the succession process.
• 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.

Eamonn Quinn, former Deputy Chair, Superquinn; Chairman of Kelsius Ltd

Family businesses are the engine of growth for any economy. The DCU Centre for Family Business will provide the structure to ensure family businesses flourish and drive the Irish economy forward.
Engaging with Irish Family Businesses

The DCU Centre for Family Business introduces leading national and international research to Irish family business practitioners through our events, workshops, newsletters, website and digital media.

This improves the knowledge, skills and abilities of Irish family businesses by offering rich insights to best practice of family business management.

Events

• Family Business Conference - open to Irish and International family businesses, this will interest both incumbent and next generation owner/managers, family business practitioners and advisors, state bodies and member organizations working with businesses and lobbying policies relating to businesses.

• Family Business Seminars & Workshops - targeted specifically at Family business owners, managers and next generation.

• All our events, seminars and workshops have educational and practical aspects combined to provide the best possible platform to share knowledge and best practices.

Digital engagement

DCU Centre for Family Business offers insights on topics of family business issues such as governance, leadership, succession planning, management, innovation, and digitisation through the following digital channels:

• Interactive website supporting growth and sustainability of Irish Family Businesses.

• Regular Newsletters focusing on key family business and general business issues.

• Linked in & Twitter offering interactive platform to share knowledge, experiences and best industry practices.
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