

## Higher education and industry



The University of Malta has always been a key contributor to Malta's industry and economy. Ensuring that programmes remain relevant to the needs of industry, that in turn employs our graduates, is an objective that the [Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy \(FEMA\)](#) has worked for over the past decades. Such relevance is ensured through four key approaches:

- the engagement of professionals (on a visiting basis) from the industry who teach our students on specific industry-oriented themes, particularly specialisations relating to accountancy, economics, insurance and risk management, banking, finance and so on;
- the active participation of professionals in several Boards of Study (as observers) at undergraduate and post-graduate levels across all departments within the Faculty. This approach helps our academics design programmes of study and study-units that are well aligned with the needs of industry – present and foreseen
- the active engagement of resident academics in industry bodies and fora, as would be the case of participation in the Institute for Public Services or the participation in local and foreign associations such as the Malta Institute of Accountants, the Malta Insurance Association, Malta Financial Services Authority, Central Bank of Malta and many others).
- the collaboration with industry bodies and fora by jointly administering conferences, courses, events and awards.

Examples of **strategies to train students in key transferable skills wanted by employers** may be found [here](#).

*Do you have an example of good QA practice at your unit which you would like us to share?  
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