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## Call for Expressions of Interest:

### To participate in research by 4<sup>th</sup> year Business School undergraduates through The Business of Nature Positive module.

Want to develop a deeper understanding of your business' impacts and dependencies on nature? Are you wondering where to start with nature related disclosures? Are you lost in a fog of TNFD GRI EFRAG CRSD alphabet soup? Do you want to develop a roadmap for nature positive for your business but don't know where to start?

We are inviting businesses who would be interested and willing to:

- participate in Trinity Business School undergraduate / student-led research to trial the application of nature-related reporting frameworks and tools, and
- explore ways to develop a roadmap to nature positive.

If you are interested, please complete and submit an expression of interest form through this platform [here](#). *Note: All data gathered is for the purposes of this call for expression of interest and managed according to GDPR regulations.*

#### **Background:**

Healthy natural systems are integral to society. In turn, businesses rely on many aspects of nature and climate to carry out day to day business. Recognising these dependencies as well as the impacts of business on nature, new reporting requirements under the new EU Corporate Social and Responsibility Directive and other nature related reporting frameworks (such as that developed by the Taskforce on Nature Related Financial Disclosure), will fast become a reality for many businesses in Ireland in coming years.

In response to the need to build capacity for present and future business needs, Trinity Business School is developing a module called 'The Business of Nature Positive'. The module will be delivered to 4th year undergraduates in the 2024/2025 academic year and will facilitate learning in how to apply and communicate relevant nature-related reporting and disclosure frameworks for businesses, helping to identify steps to develop a roadmap to nature positive and through these processes assist businesses to integrate nature into decision making. As part of the course module work, students will carry out practical and relevant research to develop their skills in this area.

We expect the **input from the business** to be by a nominated staff member / sustainability business champion working directly with the students. We expect the work to involve *at minimum approximately 8-10 hours in total over a period of 4 months (largely between December and mid-April 2025)* based on the following engagement points:

- i. An **initial scoping meeting** with student(s) to identify impacts and dependencies relating to your business on nature (direct and through the supply chain) (estimated 1-2 hours),
- ii. **Time gathering / identifying relevant data** relating to impacts within your business (1-2 hours),

- iii. An **interim (in person) check in / review of draft outputs** developed by the students (1-2 hours), and
- iv. **A final engagement session** to discuss the students' finding and relevance for developing a roadmap to nature positive (preferably involving a presentation to a business sponsor / member of senior management / leadership team) (1-2 hours).
- v. **Interim engagement** between February and April 2025, as the project progresses if necessary (occasional email exchange).

As a participating business, through engagement in this process, you will have opportunities to:

- Benefit by receiving bespoke support in **kickstarting scoping for a materiality assessment** for your business,
- Assistance in taking the **first steps in identifying data available** / potential data needs for nature related reporting,
- Develop a **deeper understanding of your business' impacts and dependencies on nature**,
- Begin the thought process as to **how to develop a roadmap for nature positive** for your business, and
- Trial approaches / identify opportunities for communicating nature related issues to stakeholders (internal and external).

Once we have an overview of interested businesses (**small or large - no preference at all!**), the module coordinator will follow up with a questionnaire to scope out and determine your suitability (the practicalities and logistics for you and the students) and your availability (in terms of a member of your business staff to engage with students carrying out the research).

You can submit an expression of interest form ([here](#)).

***This call for Expressions of Interest will close at the end of June and we will contact you in early July 2024 about participation.***

We look forward to working with you.

Best wishes

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