

Cranfield University

University Ethical Investment Policy

Policy

Our policy is to ensure that all University investment decisions are made with a full consideration of social, environmental and governance (ESG) matters in support of the University's mission to work in partnership with business, academia, governments and other organisations to develop and deliver applied research and innovative education in science, technology, engineering, and management.

Investment criteria

Restrictions:

The University will not invest (directly or indirectly) in companies that:

- manufacture cigarettes or tobacco products;
- manufacture arms or munitions that are illegal under Arms Control Treaties to which the UK is a signatory;
- produce pornographic material;
- are directly involved in the operation of betting or gambling operations.

Fossil Fuels:

The University will continue to invest in businesses involved in the extraction of thermal coal, oil, or gas only where they have active plans in place to meet the Paris Agreement targets.

We will seek to influence and support these businesses to decarbonise and transform through our education, research, and influence as shareholder and as a world-leading University with specialist expertise in Energy and Sustainability.

Implementation

We will ensure our asset investment practices will align with major international accords and relevant laws and legislation. In this way, Cranfield follows the UN Principles of Responsible Investment. All investment decisions will be made with consideration of social, environmental and governance criteria.

As a signatory to the UN Sustainable Development Goals Accord, Cranfield is committed to sustainability and environmental responsibility across all our operations. We take an active approach to our investments and will seek to influence and change the behaviour, where it is needed, of the companies which we invest in.

If the University assesses that a company's current activities or future plans are not aligned with this policy, and we have exhausted all possibilities for influence, we will divest.

Reporting

The University's investment portfolio is managed by the Finance Director according to this policy with the agreement of the Executive, Finance Committee and Council.

The University will ensure that this ethical investment policy and the performance of its investment portfolio are reviewed regularly and that there is a route through Finance Committee to consider representations to change this policy on ESG grounds.

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