

PASSIONATE ABOUT RESEARCH?

WANT TO CHANGE THE WORLD?

APPLY NOW to become a Laidlaw Scholar
at Trinity College Dublin.

Receive generous funding for an independent research
project, cultivate your leadership potential, and create
real-world impact.



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Laidlaw Undergraduate Leadership and Research Programme



2024 Information Session

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What is the Laidlaw Programme?



- Laidlaw Scholarship founded by Lord Laidlaw of Rothiemay in 2014
- Philanthropist and entrepreneur, gifts up to 25 Scholarships each to 15+ international universities per year
- Established in Trinity in 2018, now entering 7th intake of Laidlaw Scholars



Purpose of Scholarship is to **“invest in talented and motivated undergraduate students, giving them the knowledge, skills and experience to become active global citizens and future leaders”**



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Partner universities

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Eligibility to apply

1. You are a registered undergraduate student

2. You are currently in:

- 2nd year of a 4-year undergraduate degree programme
OR
- 2nd or 3rd year of a 5-year undergraduate degree programme

OR
- 2nd or 3rd year of a 5-year integrated masters degree programme (e.g. MAI, Pharmacy)

3. You are available to take part in all the requirements over the duration of the Programme



What is the Laidlaw Programme?

Research project

- 6 weeks funded self-directed research in Summer 2024
- Supported by an academic supervisor
- Opportunities to apply for additional funding for research travel, conferences, project expenses
- Share your research in the Laidlaw Network

Leadership development programme

- 18-month personal development and skills training
- 7 full days of workshops
- 6 weeks funded “Leadership in Action experience” in Summer 2025
- Ethical leadership module
- 1-to-1 coaching, feedback, and reflective exercises
- Peer learning groups
- Outputs: reports, presentations, posters

Laidlaw community

- Discussion groups
- Professional networking and social events
- Optional skills training sessions
- Community outreach and volunteering
- Webinars, guest speakers, and more





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Laidlaw Scholars



Student Perspectives

Programme Timeline

2024



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Programme Timeline

2025

Leadership 4 and 5 (residential)
Three nights, two days training
Early March

Leadership 7
One day training
Early October

Join the
international
Laidlaw alumni
community



**Leadership 6 – Ethical
Leadership Module**
Several sessions
Early Summer

Summer 2
**6 week 'Leadership in Action'
experience**

Final Submissions
Mid-October

Laidlaw community events/coaching /online learning ongoing throughout Programme



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Commitments and benefits

Commitments

- At least 7 days of leadership training
- 6 weeks full-time research in Summer 1
- 6 weeks practical 'Leadership in Action' experience in Summer 2
- Time for online learning, peer reflective work, coaching
- Outreach and volunteering activities
- Research poster in Summer 1 and reflective reports in Summer 1 and 2
- Engagement with the Laidlaw community via the Laidlaw Network and the Trinity Laidlaw group

Benefits

- Financial support to the value of €7,000+
- Additional funding through training sessions, opportunities for travel grants and project expenses
- Gain valuable transferable skills in project management, leadership, communications and team working
- Undertake an original research project with an experienced academic
- Be part of a unique 'Leadership-in-Action' experience
- Profile raising opportunities through the Programme by joining a prestigious international Scholar group



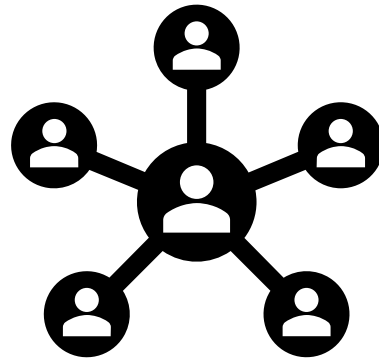
Sample Leadership Sessions

The role of a leader in fostering creativity and innovation in their field

Guest panel – Trinity alumni

Championing Inclusive Spaces as a Leader in Research

*Prof Lorraine Leeson
Associate Vice-Provost for
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion*



Conflict Resolution and Mediation

Irish School of Ecumenics

Leadership theory and competencies

*Melissa Sayers, MBA Leadership and
Professional Development,
Trinity Business School*

Leadership through Storytelling

*Cathal Quinn, Head of Voice,
the Lir Academy*

How to Network without Cringing

Sinead English, Hilt Career Services



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Research Project

Define a research question which...

- Is feasible as a project over one 6 week research period in Summer 1
- Is not part of your core, assessed curriculum
- Has the potential to integrate with your leadership training to enhance the impact of your project

Identify a Research Supervisor who will...

- Write a supporting statement confirming your project is feasible within the period and is of academic value
- Whose research interests are aligned with your project
- Be available to support you in refining and progressing your project throughout the period
- Will support you in any necessary ethics/lab safety requirements



What is 'Leadership-in-Action'?

The Leadership-in-Action (LiA) component is a **ca. 6-week immersive project** that usually takes place in the second summer of your programme.

Learning through service, you will be testing your leadership skills, expanding your understanding of what it means to be a global citizen, and challenging yourself to grow.



What is 'Leadership-in-Action'?

1. A 6-week immersive, international leadership project
2. An experience in a new and personally challenging environment
3. Working with communities in need
4. Doing something which makes the world a (sustainably) better place
5. Developing and demonstrating your leadership skills, attributes and Laidlaw values
6. Learning through service overseas



Leadership in Action experience

1) Central Laidlaw Foundation Project

Participate in a 6 week international expedition with a team of Laidlaw Scholars from other participating universities to work on community-based leadership projects.

2) Leadership Placement

A leadership placement for 6 weeks in a not-for-profit/community-based organisation to give the scholar the opportunity to develop and apply their leadership skills in a practical setting, which will involve leading others.

3) Implementing your research findings in a community of need

A 6 week project evolved from your Summer 1 research project which must be a practical application of your research in a setting outside of the university. This is a leadership focused continuation and not a second research project.





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Leadership-in-Action



Category A: Central Laidlaw Project

Leadership in Action experiences

Category A – Laidlaw Foundation Project

- You can choose from a list of projects offered by organisation partners of the Laidlaw Foundation
- You will develop your leadership skills by working with a partner non-profit/NGO to help them fulfil their vision and mission



Leadership in Action experiences

Category A – Laidlaw Foundation Project

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Leadership in Action experiences

Category A – Laidlaw Foundation Project

St Andrews Laidlaw Scholar Yukiko Braun

[worked with](#) *Youth Champs 4 Mental Health*,

a Fijian organisation advocating for mental health and suicide prevention, through Foundation partner Think Pacific.

Yukiko and her team led projects to help foster young Fijians' wellbeing and raise awareness about taking care of one's mental health.



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Leadership-in-Action



Category B: Leadership Placement

Leadership in Action experiences

Category B – Leadership Placement

- Working with a partner organisation or programme contributing positively to society i.e. an NGO/charity/social enterprise/not-for-profit community organisation
- Leading on a project you organise to contribute to the organisation's goals and support the community in need



Leadership in Action experiences

Category B – Leadership Placement

Tufts Laidlaw Scholar Eleanor Cheung worked with the *Center to Support Immigrant Organizing* to host vaccine clinics and provide educational outreach in immigrant communities across Massachusetts in an effort to reduce disparities in vaccination rates.





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Leadership-in-Action



**Category C: In-field
application of research**

Leadership in Action experiences

Category C – In-field application of research

- Continue working and building on your research project from the first summer by applying, testing and refining your findings in the field.
- Including clearly defined objectives and leadership development goals beyond the research topic



Leadership in Action experiences

Category C – In-field application of research

Trinity College Dublin Laidlaw Scholar Xiaolou Feng [researched](#) Game Theatre and its application in theatre education for young people during the first summer. During the second summer, Xiaolou practically applied the findings by working with children at Ba'chuan Quantum International School to set up a Game Theatre-Making Lab.



Funding

Funding Step-by-Step

- Financial support to the value of €7,000+ including a stipend of €3,500 for the Summer 1 project
- Funding available to your supervisor for any project related expenses e.g. lab materials, subscriptions, equipment
- Additional support throughout the programme through workshops, coaching, and funding for the Leadership in Action experience in Summer 2
- Separate travel grant on a case-by-case basis for research related trips e.g. research visits to other universities, conference attendance, field work



How to Apply

Go to www.tcd.ie/careers to submit an application by 12th February 2024 (noon)

1. **Application form**
2. **Leadership development statement video**(3 minutes max.)
3. **Research project proposal** (750-1000 words max.)
4. **Leadership-in-Action proposal** (500 words max.)
5. **Letter of support from project supervisor(s)**





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Application Process



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Q&A



NB: Informal student Q&A session
In January 2024

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