Can you apply to be a Laidlaw Scholar?
You are eligible to apply if you are in:

- 2nd year of a 4-year undergraduate degree programme in 17/18
  OR
- 2nd or 3rd year of a 5-year undergraduate degree programme in 17/18
  OR
- 2nd or 3rd year of a 5-year integrated masters degree programme in 17/18 (e.g. MAI, Pharmacy).

The applications are not open to visiting students due to the length of the programme.

How do I apply to be a Laidlaw Scholar?
Applications for the 2018 programme are now open and close on 29th of March 2018.
Or by visiting www.tcd.ie/careers/laidlaw/

Application Requirements
You need to submit the following in your application:

1. A research project title
   You should propose a research question of your choice, in an area you’re interested in and which isn’t part of your core curriculum. It can build upon topics you’ve studied as part of your programme. You should approach an academic staff member whose research interests are in the area of your research topic and ask them if they’d be willing to support your project as a supervisor.

2. Project Summary
   A short summary of the research question and objectives in simple terms which can be understood by a non-expert.

3. A statement of support from your project supervisor

4. A statement on how you wish to develop as a leader (300 words max)

5. A statement on how you intend to develop academically and personally through research (300 words max)

Projects with an international dimension or of an interdisciplinary nature are encouraged.
How will your application be assessed?

A review panel will assess the applications in these areas:

- The student’s research and leadership statement.
- The supervisor’s supporting statement.
- The student’s academic record.

The panel will decide on the strongest applications, taking into consideration the quality of the candidate, research project content and leadership potential. Interviews with shortlisted applicants will be used as part of the selection process.

Who can I ask to be my supervisor?

You can ask any permanent member of Trinity’s academic staff to support your application – this staff member would ideally have research interests in the same area as your proposed project.

What funding is provided to students?

If you are successful in becoming a Laidlaw Scholar, you will receive a stipend of €550 per week for the 10 weeks of your research project. There will also be a travel fund available which you can apply to if you feel your research requires travel outside Trinity.

What is included in the travel fund?

You can apply to the travel fund if your research would be best supported by travel outside Trinity - you must have the written support of your supervisor for any proposed trips.

Can I opt out of part of the programme?

To get the most out of the programme, we expect you to commit to take part in all activities between June 2018 and October 2019 and to prioritise your time to allow you to get fully involved.

What happens on a leadership development programme?

The leadership development section of programme is made up of residential weekends, online reflection modules, and mentoring, with an emphasis on personal development, self-awareness and communication skills. Two leadership workshops will be residential and will be run off-campus, with a focus on interactive learning and team activities. There will also be ongoing mentoring and online learning activities, in addition to opportunities for networking and reflection.

There will be modules to help you develop your research skills and to train you to use video to report on your research findings.