The role of research supervisors is central to the Laidlaw Undergraduate Research and Leadership Programme. This summary will outline the opportunities and responsibilities involved in the programme for you, as a potential supervisor.

**What is my role as a research supervisor in the student’s application process?**

If you agree to work with a student as their research supervisor you will need to complete a statement of support as part of the student’s application. By completing this you are confirming that allocated work space and equipment will be provided by your Department/School for the duration of the project. You should ensure that the student identifies a realistic research project that is achievable within the 10 week research time frame.

**What is my role once a student is awarded a Laidlaw scholarship under my supervision?**

- To have a formal meeting at the beginning of the period of research to work with the Scholar to set out clear project outcomes and timescales for their two periods of research (Summers 2018 and 2019).
- To advise and guide the Scholar through any necessary processes ahead of their research, e.g., ethics approval, risk assessments, training in lab safety.
- To meet with the Scholar on a regular basis to review their progress. The Scholar will provide an update for those meetings to include a review of progress and action points for discussion.
- To provide ongoing guidance and encouragement to the Scholar throughout their project.
- To provide a short report at the end of the Laidlaw Scholarship on the standard of the Scholar’s work.

**How will I benefit from being a Laidlaw research supervisor?**

- A unique opportunity to support ambitious and motivated students as they undertake an original research project.
- The chance to accompany your students to the celebration event which will be organised for all Trinity Laidlaw Scholars.
- A payment of €700 for each Laidlaw Scholar is payable to the research supervisor to meet incidental costs and/or towards their continuing professional development.
- An opportunity to become part of the prestigious international Laidlaw Scholarship community and to become involved in profile-raising opportunities during the programme.

**How can I get involved?**

- Promote this opportunity to your students and colleagues.
• Bring the programme to the attention of promising eligible undergraduates.
• Provide information and support to potential applicants.
• Give guidance and advice to applicants about designing, writing and delivering a research proposal.
• Bring the programme to the attention of your colleagues and other staff members.
• Contact colleagues in related disciplines to support an interdisciplinary project.