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**Laidlaw Undergraduate  
Leadership and Research Programme  
2026 Scholars**


Laidlaw Scholar	Programme	Research Project Title	Supervisor(s)
<p>Aisling Deegan</p> 	<p>Clinical Speech and Language Studies</p>	<p>A Class Education: How does Trinity engage with class and socioeconomic status in 2026? (Pre-defined Research Topic)</p>	<p>Prof. Lorraine Lesson</p>
<p>Anabel O'Hora</p> 	<p>European Studies</p>	<p>Creating an educational toolkit to enhance Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) learning in native language environments. Examining the level of ESD at a primary level, in Gaeltacht regions of Ireland and Bengali schools in Kolkata.</p>	<p>Dr. Cuisle Forde</p>
<p>Anna Halvey</p> 	<p>Philosophy, Political Science, Economics and Sociology</p>	<p>Delegated Citizenship in the New Public Sphere: Exploring Irish Citizens' Outsourcing of Political Thinking to Influencers and Online Social Commentators, and Its Impact on their Political Behaviour.</p>	<p>Dr. Roderick Condon Dr. Tom Paskhalis</p>
<p>Anna Demasure</p> 	<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>A Comparative Study into Machine Learning Models and Human-driven Prediction Markets in Forecasting Real-world Outcomes</p>	<p>Dr. Alessio Benavoli</p>
<p>Crystal Htoo</p> 	<p>Medicine</p>	<p>Cigarette and Vape Smoke-Induced Trained Immunity in Monocytes.</p>	<p>Dr. Suzanne Cloonan</p>

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<p>Donnchadh Hargan</p> 	<p>Philosophy and English</p>	<p>Orality and Nomadism: writers from marginalised ethnic groups, with semi-nomadic elements, and (primarily) oral cultures finding a voice in the written world.</p>	<p>Prof. Chris Morash</p>
<p>Eliza Heaslip</p> 	<p>Law</p>	<p>The Digital Rulebook: A Comparative Analysis of Digital Asset Protection in the DIFC and the EU.</p>	<p>Dr. Alexandros Seretakis Dr. Suryapratim Roy</p>
<p>Emma Cox</p> 	<p>Geography and Sociology</p>	<p>A Class Education: How does Trinity engage with class and socioeconomic status in 2026? (Pre-defined Research Topic)</p>	<p>Prof. Lorraine Leeson</p>
<p>Eva McParland</p> 	<p>Medicine</p>	<p>HSP90 Inhibition as a Dual Therapy for Glioblastoma and Tumour Related Epilepsy.</p>	<p>Dr. Kate Connor</p>
<p>Jodie Ryan</p> 	<p>Business, Economics and Social Studies</p>	<p>Who gets to understand the climate crisis? Socioeconomic inequality in students' sensemaking of climate change education in Ireland.</p>	<p>Dr. Graham Dwyer Mr Chris Gordon</p>

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<p>Joy Aladejana</p> 	<p>English and Philosophy</p>	<p>Sound and Script: A study of Wole Soyinka's works.</p>	<p>Dr. Melanie Otto</p>
<p>Kate McKeon</p> 	<p>Law and German</p>	<p>An Analysis of Criminal Law Defences Available to Women Who Kill.</p>	<p>Dr. David Prendergast</p>
<p>Kilian Sean Mangan</p> 	<p>Computer Science</p>	<p>Living Campus: Ecology, Climate Action &amp; Healthy Spaces (Pre-defined Research Topic)</p>	<p>Prof. Jane Stout</p>
<p>Leah Carroll</p> 	<p>English Studies</p>	<p>'Girls Who Say Nothing and Wear Black': Women of the Beat Generation.</p>	<p>Prof. Philip Coleman</p>
<p>Lilly Heffernan</p> 	<p>Biological and Biomedical Sciences</p>	<p>Trick of the Light: An Investigation into the Impact of Artificial Light at Night (ALAN) on Immune System Function and Space-Use by Irish Bats.</p>	<p>Prof. Gregory Albery Prof. Jim Barnett Ms. Emma King</p>

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<p>Lily O'Connell Byrne</p> 	<p>Psychology</p>	<p>Analysing whether pre-term birth can be viewed as an Environmental Sensitivity factor in a cohort of Syrian refugee children.</p>	<p>Dr. Kristin Hadfield</p>
<p>Lochlan Cawley</p> 	<p>Business, Economics and Social Studies</p>	<p>Private Tuition as a Factor in the Leaving Certificate Attainment Gap Between Private and State Funded Schools.</p>	<p>Dr. Barra Roantree</p>
<p>Margaret Whelan</p> 	<p>History</p>	<p>Screwing with the System: Understanding Thai Sex Work Under a Buddhist Ethical System.</p>	<p>Prof. Seema Chauhan</p>
<p>Nal Butolen</p> 	<p>Engineering</p>	<p>Community-centred flight path optimisation for Urban Drone Delivery.</p>	<p>Dr. John Kennedy</p>
<p>Peter McNulty</p> 	<p>Business Studies and Spanish</p>	<p>Pricing the environmental impact of AI-related data centre energy consumption in Ireland.</p>	<p>Dr. Martha O'Hagan Luff</p>

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<p data-bbox="229 277 336 309">Ruby Ge</p> 	<p data-bbox="507 277 639 344">Computer Science</p>	<p data-bbox="719 277 1110 456">Restraint-Based AI Tutoring: Mitigating Learner Saturation Through Cognitive Load Monitoring and Adaptive Interventions.</p>	<p data-bbox="1193 277 1414 309">Dr. Sinead Impey</p> <p data-bbox="1182 349 1425 380">Dr. Gaye Stephens</p>
<p data-bbox="209 613 357 645">Sarah Flynn</p> 	<p data-bbox="491 613 655 645">Engineering</p>	<p data-bbox="715 613 1121 882">The Development and Testing of Suitable Materials as an Alternative to Polypropylene for Use in Surgical Meshes for the Treatment of Pelvic Organ Prolapse and Stress Urinary Incontinence.</p>	<p data-bbox="1177 613 1433 645">Prof. Caitríona Lally</p>
<p data-bbox="188 949 378 981">Sarah McGuire</p> 	<p data-bbox="469 949 681 1016">English Studies and History</p>	<p data-bbox="715 949 1121 1061">This is Your Magazine: Literary Periodicals and Mid-century Ireland.</p>	<p data-bbox="1193 949 1414 981">Dr. Paul Delaney</p>
<p data-bbox="188 1285 378 1317">Seán Radcliffe</p> 	<p data-bbox="469 1285 681 1352">Economics and Mathematics</p>	<p data-bbox="715 1285 1121 1509">Reading Between the White Lines: An Investigation into Cocaine-Related Harm in Ireland During Periods of Economic Change and Crisis, 2004–2023.</p>	<p data-bbox="1182 1285 1425 1317">Dr. Davide Romelli</p>
<p data-bbox="204 1621 362 1653">Sonia Daunt</p> 	<p data-bbox="469 1621 681 1733">Business, Economics and Social Studies</p>	<p data-bbox="715 1621 1121 1800">'A beached people': Settler minority identity and belonging in postindependence Ireland and Kenya.</p>	<p data-bbox="1166 1621 1441 1653">Prof. Michelle D'Arcy</p>

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<p data-bbox="197 275 368 309">Stephanie Ko</p> 	<p data-bbox="512 275 635 309">Medicine</p>	<p data-bbox="719 275 1114 461">How Heat-Stressed Hospital Environments Affect Stroke Recovery: Low-Cost Adaptations for Tropical Settings.</p>	<p data-bbox="1174 275 1433 309">Prof. Agustín Ibáñez</p>