

Student Laidlaw Leadership and Research Programme Cohort Timeline 2026-2027-2028

The Programme is designed to start with the Welcome and Celebration Event in June of 2027. The programme dates have been set for 2027. During 2027 the Laidlaw Leadership and Research Programme will provide dates of the European Conference, Oxford Character Project Training and Case Studies, and Leadership in Action Preparation and dates during the June period of 2027.

Stage	Activity	Dates 26-27	More information
Introductions	Welcome and Celebration Event (Mandatory event)	Monday 7 th June 2027	This is the first opportunity for you to meet your new cohort It is also a chance to celebrate the current and outgoing scholars and get insight into what they have been up to during their two years on the programme
	Mandatory Leadership Training	9 th June (10:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00)	How to write an academic research paper in line with the Laidlaw Leadership and Research Programme Outputs of 3000 word paper (Excluding situations) & How to prepare a A1 Research Poster led by Helen Costello from DCAD

	Laidlaw Leadership Training	15 th , 16 th , 17 th June 2027 (9am - 16:30)	This will be a 3 day Leadership Training period There will be various workshops, speakers and activities
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Six Week Research Project

Scholars are expected to attend organised team building social events, motivational talks during this period. Students are required to be in Durham and work as a collaborative cohort between the 21st June- 30th June. Research collaborative spaces will be booked, and students will have the opportunity to have drop-in sessions available for support form DCAD, along with support from the Laidlaw Team. We may also have motivational academic supervisors sessions during this time

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Research Summer One	Six-week Research Project	21 st June - 11 th August 2027	This is the summer research period where you will complete you research project working with your supervisor and produce a research paper and poster
	Mandatory Support Sessions	Wednesday 23rd June (10:00-14:30) Wednesday 30th June (10:00-12:30)	This will allow you to engage with you cohort and be supported by the Durham Laidlaw team during your research project. Academic support will also be provided
	Individual coaching and mentoring	Available during June and July	This is a mid-project wellbeing and progress check
	Mid-project Mentoring and Well-being Check-in	Arranged during week of the 21 st July 2027	

	Research Project Ends	13 th August 2027	
	Research Poster Peer Review Due	17 th August 2027	This is a peer review and supervisor review
	Supervisor review and sign-off of Academic Research and Poster	15 th - 31 st August 2027	
	Final Outputs Due (Poster and Report)	2 nd - 6 th September 2027	Uploaded to Laidlaw Network with link sent to the Laidlaw Team

Second Year Commitments

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Recruitment of new cohort	Wow Week in Durham	TBC	Students must attend the training and assist with the recruitment of new scholars onto the Laidlaw Programme during Welcome and Celebration week
Mandatory Training and Deadlines	Oxford Character Project Training	22 nd September 2027 (Full day)	
	Leadership in Action KeyTravel Information and Training	11 th November 2027 (14:00-17:00)	
	Leadership in Action Risk Assessment Information and Training	25 th November 2027 (14:00-17:00)	
	LiA Preparation and Confirmation Due	31 st January 2028	

	Leadership in Action Preparation and Training	February (TBC)	
	LiA Viator Checking	Feb/March 2028 (TBC)	
	Welcome and Celebration Event	June 2028	To be confirmed but usually first Monday or Tuesday after exams
Second Summer Leadership in Action Project	Leadership in Action 6-week period	25 th June - 25 th August 2028	