Berlin University Alliance



Call for Applications
Laidlaw Scholars Leadership & Research Programme

Supervision Agreement

Please note:

Since the supervision agreement must be submitted in English, a German version of the form is not available.

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1 Preamble

(1) What is the Laidlaw Scholars Leadership & Research Programme?

The Laidlaw Scholars Leadership & Research Programme is funded by the **Laidlaw Foundation**. Alongside 20 leading research universities (e.g. the University of Oxford, Harvard University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology), the Laidlaw Foundation has selected the Berlin University Alliance to join its network of funded institutions.

The program aims to develop **undergraduate students'** leadership capabilities and prepare them to become future leaders who lead with integrity and are guided by ethical principles and scientific evidence. Students can apply to the program through an open call for applications. Successful applicants receive a **scholarship** for the duration of the three-semester program.

A distinctive feature of the Laidlaw Scholars Leadership & Research Programme is its combination of training and hands-on, project-based learning. The first of these projects is a **research project**, for which students develop their own research question. The project takes place over approximately six weeks during the semester break. In preparation, students participate in Research Preparation Trainings covering topics such as formulating research questions, designing and conducting research projects, ensuring research quality, and adhering to the principles of good scientific practice. Building on their research, students then design and implement an impact project, known as the **Leadership in Action Project**, applying their knowledge to real-world challenges and contributing to the communities involved.

To help students successfully prepare and carry out their research projects, each student is supported by a **research supervisor**. Applicants must therefore identify a supervisor who will guide them throughout the preparation and implementation of their research project. Supervisors may be professors (including junior or visiting professors) or research assistants at one of the four member institutions of the Berlin University Alliance.

(2) What are the tasks of a supervisor?

The research supervisor

- Supports the student throughout the research process, from developing the research proposal to conducting the project and preparing the research results
- Supports the student in connecting the research findings with the Leadership in Action Project, i.e. in transferring knowledge between research and practice
- Provides a brief assessment of the research project's quality, feasibility and relevance (see Section 3).
- Provides a brief assessment of the applicant's suitability for the Laidlaw Scholars Leadership & Research Programme (see Section 4).

2 Information on the applicant

last name, first name	
title of the planned research project	

3 Supervisor's assessment of the proposed research project

How would you assess the academic quality and methodological approach of the proposed research project? How relevant, original, and/or innovative is the research question or topic? How feasible is the project in terms of timeline and ethical guidelines? What potential do you see for linking the project's findings to a Leadership in Action Project?

(max. 2,500 characters incl. spaces)

4 Supervisor's assessment of applicants' suitability for the Laidlaw Scholars Leadership & Research Programme

The program aims to develop future leaders who base their decisions on scientific evidence and ethical principles. Please assess here – as far as possible – the applicant's suitability for the program, considering their research skills, leadership potential, independence, reliability, and reflectiveness, as well as their social and intercultural skills.

(max. 1,500 characters, including spaces)

5 Assurance of supervision by the supervisor

I hereby confirm that I agree to supervise the student applicant in accordance with the responsibilities outlined in Section 1.

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date	
signature of supervisor	