

## Oxford Laidlaw Scholars 2025-2027 Programme Information

Year 1 April 2025 - October 2025		
Date*	Activity	Delivered by
Trinity (Weeks 1-5)	<p>Leadership and Research Capacities Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxford Laidlaw Scholars Programme Launch- an informal evening event in Oxford.</li> <li>• Oxford Group Retreat (will take place over one Saturday – coach travel will be provided)</li> <li>• 3x Research Skills seminars (Monday evenings)</li> </ul>	SDG Impact Lab
June	Global Induction (online)	Laidlaw Foundation
September- October (prior to Michaelmas Term start)	<p>Changemaker Summer: Research Impact Projects (6 weeks)</p> <p>In interdisciplinary teams, Laidlaw Scholars will undertake Oxford social impact research projects in the local community and schools in East Oxford. The projects will involve providing extracurricular activities and researching the impact of these activities on improving educational outcomes. Projects will be supervised by SDG Impact Lab Faculty.</p>	SDG Impact Lab
Weekend in October	<p>Laidlaw Scholars Conference</p> <p>Presentation of research results at the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Laidlaw Scholars Conference (location and date tbc)</p>	Laidlaw Foundation

\*Exact dates to be confirmed

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Year 2 October 2025 - September 2026		
Date*	Activity	Delivered by
November-March	<p>Character Programme</p> <p>6 online sessions focussing on ethical leadership, such as purpose, growth, love, integrity, and practical wisdom.</p>	Oxford Character Project
October-April	<p>Leadership Development Programme</p> <p>Programme sessions to take place on Monday evenings, covering Leadership Skills, Interpersonal Skills, collaboration, emotional intelligence, negotiation, Project Management.</p>	Oxford Character Project
Summer Vacation	<p>Changemaker Summer: Leadership in Action (4-6 Weeks)</p> <p>Leadership in Action (Global Impact)</p> <p>The SDG Impact Lab will provide support for students to design and develop leadership and impact projects around the world.</p>	Student-led, supported by the SDG Impact Lab

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## Changemaker Summer Projects

To cover living costs during the research and leadership in action summers, Oxford Laidlaw Scholars will receive a stipend of £3000 per year, a total stipend of £6000.

### Year 1 Research Local Impact (Oxford) Project

- Learn and apply research skills
- Develop understanding of ethical research
- Join an interdisciplinary team, you will undertake a 6-week community-level research project within Oxford and Oxfordshire
- Work in collaboration with a designated local stakeholder (e.g. local school) on a group research project
- Write-up an impact-driven research paper and academic poster
- Publish the research on the Laidlaw Scholars Network
- Present at an international conference

You will be supported by SDG Impact Lab Faculty and staff for the full scope of the project activities and deliverables.

### Year 2 Global Impact (International) Leadership in Action Project

The SDG Impact Lab will provide support for you to design and develop a self-guided global impact and leadership project around the world.

You will be encouraged to work in collaboration with other Laidlaw Scholars from the global network.

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## Character Growth

The Oxford Character Project Ethical Leadership Certificate (ELC)	
Over the course of the programme (18 months)	<p>6 online workshops</p> <p>Scholars will participate in six live, online Leadership Workshops delivered by the <a href="#">Oxford Character Project</a>.</p> <p>The workshops and training sessions will cover a wide range of topics focusing on character qualities that are essential for becoming ethical leaders, such as purpose, growth, love, integrity, and practical wisdom. At the end of each workshop, there will be an ethical leadership challenge for the Scholars to practice what they have learned and exchange ideas with their fellow Scholars.</p> <p>After successfully completing the programme, the scholars will receive certificates and access to additional resources that will help them to integrate various aspects of ethical leadership into their lives.</p>

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## Capacities Training

Leadership Capacities Seminars and Retreats	
Over the course of the programme (18 months)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 x research skills workshops taking you from how to ask a research question, developing a methodology, conducting ethical research to conducting meaningful analysis</li><li>• 4 x leadership seminars focussing on growing your ability to be an active citizen</li><li>• 2 x retreats focussing on leading with character</li></ul>

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