



# Call for Application for Scholarships

## Summer School in Impact Evaluation & Workshop in Applied Evaluation Methods in Health

Presented by

**Trinity College Dublin, Irish Aid, and the Trinity Impact Evaluation Unit**  
**August 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Trinity College Dublin, Irish Aid and the Trinity Impact Evaluation Unit (TIME) would like to invite applications for scholarships for participants from Irish Aid partner countries to attend this year's Summer School in Impact Evaluation and Workshop in Applied Evaluation Methods in Health.

### Trinity Impact Evaluation Unit (TIME)

Through the use of rigorous research methodologies, Trinity's Impact Evaluation Unit (TIME) can play an important role in efforts to understand which investments in development work, which do not, and why. We use frontier economic techniques to understand why a particular intervention did or did not work and what aspects of the project would be relevant in a different context. This is not only valuable for our partners who are seeking to understand the impact of a specific project, but also provides important learning for the wider development and academic community. TIME's vision is to provide strong evidence of what works, so that better investments with a real impact on the development process can be made.

Trinity has eight development economists working on large scale impact evaluations across the world and these academics represent the core of TIME. TIME is based in the School of Social Sciences and Philosophy but is closely affiliated with Trinity's International Development Initiative (TIDI) – the University's coordination, promotion and outreach structure for international development. The current portfolio of projects spans a wide set of relevant issues, such as financial products and technology, health and nutrition interventions, community engagement and urban pollution, solar lighting and education.

### Summer School in Impact Evaluation

The summer school is a unique opportunity for development practitioners, NGO personnel, and policy makers interested in acquiring the **skills needed to conduct, evaluate, and manage impact focused research**. While the course will draw heavily on developing country examples, the content is relevant to many contexts and will be of interest to domestic policy makers and NGOs, and a broad range of PhD students.



The Summer School embraces mixed methods combining the quantitative expertise of TIME with international expertise in qualitative methods. Upon completion, participants will:

1. Understand various techniques of impact evaluation and the criteria used to select the appropriate method;
2. Understand the practical challenges of implementation;
3. Develop skills to design impact evaluations;
4. Acquire tools necessary to be critical of impact evaluation research.

The summer school will be run over three days and will be preceded by an optional one-day statistics boot-camp to help prepare participants with less quantitative backgrounds.

The course will include a mix of lectures and group work. The lectures will cover both experimental (e.g. randomized control trials), and quasi-experimental (e.g. regression discontinuity designs) quantitative methods as well as qualitative methods and the interaction between the two. Sessions will be interactive with participants working in groups to solve exercises based on the methodologies that have been introduced.

The Summer School will take place at Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. Lunch and refreshments will be provided for the duration of the summer school.

### **Workshop in Applied Evaluation Methods in Health**

In addition to the core summer school, we are also offering an additional workshop in applied evaluation methods in health which will take place on August 30<sup>th</sup>. This workshop will be focused on recent impact evaluations that have been carried out in the field of health.

Sessions will build on the evaluation methodologies that were introduced in the summer school and will discuss how they can be applied to the field of health. In addition, the workshop will discuss recent evidence on policies in health that have been found to be most effective, and why.

### **Applications**

To apply please send a short CV to [impactevaluation@tcd.ie](mailto:impactevaluation@tcd.ie). As **places are limited**, we encourage interested applicants to apply as soon as possible. Please also indicate in your email whether or not you will attend the Statistics Boot-Camp. Applications for the scholarships will be assessed on a rolling basis and should be submitted **no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. Applicants should have a Bachelor's degree or equivalent. All applicants will be informed of their acceptance onto the course by email. The scholarship will cover the cost of travel to Dublin and accommodation for the duration of the summer school and workshop.

More information about the summer school and Workshop is available here: <https://www.tcd.ie/time/>