



Research study conducted with policies in mind

THE Irish Universities Study (IUS) is new web-based research aimed at gathering substantial information about undergraduate and postgraduate students and researchers in the country's seven universities: Trinity College Dublin; University of Limerick; Dublin City University; National University of Ireland Maynooth; University College Dublin; University College Cork and National University of Ireland Galway.

The findings published in the *Irish Independent* today are from the first module, conducted in 2008 among almost 3,500 students.

The research covers areas such as life satisfaction, life goals, socio-economic status, health, time-use and earnings expectations.

The IUS is aimed at filling an information gap for policy-makers.

The study creates, for the first time in an international context, a leading-edge survey system that is designed with policy needs in mind.

A number of further surveys are planned, including one creating a student feedback system on all aspects of students' experience in university, from teaching and tutorial satisfaction to satisfaction with university systems and supports.