Drone filming at Trinity College Dublin

To bring a drone in, the Safety Office need the following information:

TCD will require the following information as a minimum to assess the request:

- Drone Operator's Licence &ID number
- Drone Type & Serial number,
- Category of Flight
- Remote Pilot's Training Certificate for flying drones,
- Flight Plan for each drone flight,
- Method Statement,
- Risk Assessment
- Insurance details (including indemnity for TCD) and,
- Assurance that the drone is operated in accordance with best practice at all times and Drone Operator ID is affixed to every drone.

If the person is flying the drone in the Open Category, the following applies:

- The drone cannot fly over any assembly of people (An assembly of people is a crowd of people. (It is not defined by a specific number of people but is related to the possibility for an individual to move around to avoid the consequences of a drone which is out of control). So, any busy area with tourists and members of the public is deemed an assembly of people.
- The drone must always be in sight at all times.
- The drone cannot be flown over 30m from the ground or never fly more than 15m above any tall structure.
- The drone will not be operated directly over people unless it has a class identification label C0 or is lighter than 250 g (0.55 lbs).
- Category A2 Drones must never fly overhead uninvolved people and must keep a horizontal distance of 50m from uninvolved people.
- If the drone has the new C1 classification, it cannot fly overhead uninvolved persons but may fly within 5m if it is flying in its low-speed setting.

If the drone is over 250 grams, it is very unlikely it will be able to fly on site, as the drone will need to maintain a distance of 50m from an individual.

Notwithstanding the Safety Office would need to see flight plans, the drone classification, risk assessment and training received by the pilot to determine if the activity could go ahead.

This information is required before ANY drone flights can be considered in campus.