**School of History UCC**

**Statement on Research Ethics**

The **School of History UCC** expects its staff and postgraduates to observe the highest standards in the conduct of their research.

Researchers must conduct their activities within national and European laws, covering data protection, the use of personal and institutional records and copyright provisions. Within the institutions, such as archives and libraries, where they undertake research, they must follow the procedures laid down. The School will not indemnify those who fail to follow procedures and best practice as currently understood.

I (Insert name………… ) agree to maintain the following professional standards:

a) to acquaint myself with best practice in the use and evaluation of evidence, whatever form it takes

b) to understand and follow copyright laws

c) to be mindful of intellectual property issues

d) to take particular care when evidence is produced by those still living or being interviewed, when the anonymity of individuals is required and when research concerns those still living

e) to observe the ethical and legal requirements of the repositories and collections being used

f) to be aware of conservation issues concerning materials being used and produced

g) to eschew plagiarism, fabrication, falsification and deception in proposing, carrying out and reporting the results of research

h) to give due and appropriate acknowledgement of assistance received, whether this concerns financial help, access to materials or an academic contribution; particular care is to be exercised when more than one author or researcher is involved

i) to follow the most rigorous procedures for the citation of sources, including materials obtained from the internet or by recorded interview.

j) to observe fairness and equity in the conduct of research

l) to represent credentials accurately and honestly.

Signed …………………………………….. by researcher

Signed …………………………………………by supervisor

Dated …………………………