



CAREERS FOR ARCHAEOLOGY GRADUATES

ARCHAEOLOGY AT UCC

Archaeology is the study of past human societies through the material remains (artifacts, monuments, landscapes etc.) they left behind over thousands of years. Our past is our cultural heritage, and archaeologists play an important role in the discovery and recording of this resource, to ensure its protection for future generations. It is an exciting subject to study, offering professional career opportunities in the State and private sectors in Ireland and abroad. UCC trains archaeologists at undergraduate and postgraduate level, offering many stimulating courses that provide the academic knowledge and technical skills required for a career in this area.

WHAT CAN ARCHAEOLOGY GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

Your degree is an essential stepping stone to direct employment in the archaeological profession, and for work in applied areas such as heritage tourism or other careers. The following are some of the attributes and skills acquired by our students:

- A deep knowledge and appreciation of archaeology and cultural heritage in the modern world
- An ability to apply theoretical and scientific approaches to archaeological problems
- The knowledge to gather different types of evidence from libraries, museums, fieldwork, and laboratories
- An understanding of scientific methods used to analyse and interpret this data



- Writing and presentation skills to convey this information to different audiences

- Strong familiarity with computers and information technology

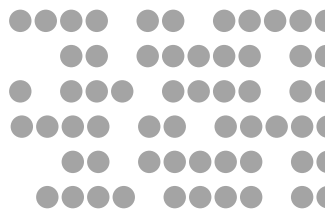
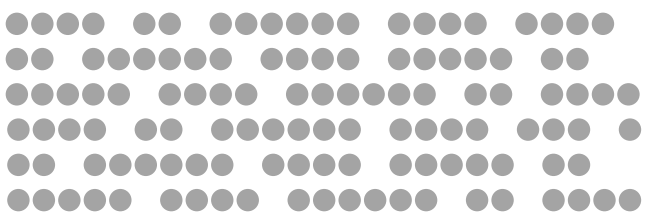
- An understanding of professional practice, legal frameworks and ethical standards in archaeology

- An ability to work in teams where personal initiative, time management, problem solving, attention to detail, emotional intelligence and critical thinking are important.



GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR ARCHAEOLOGY

Each year, UCC Career Services produces a Graduate Outcomes Report based on an annual survey of graduates six months after graduation. UCC students study Archaeology as a subject offered within the Bachelor of Arts (BA) programme. Over the last 4 years 90%+ of Bachelor of Arts graduates progress to employment or further study. You can see the 5-year trend for all BA graduates at the following link on the UCC Careers website:



GRADUATE STUDIES

Your BA degree is a foundation for a further course of study, which will provide career-specific training in a particular field of archaeology. UCC Archaeology offers three taught masters degrees covering employment in archaeological excavation, human osteoarchaeology, and museum studies. These one-year programmes are designed with professional career requirements in mind, where work placements and practical training are combined with academic learning. For those interested in research, the Department offers a two-year MPhil degree and a four-year PhD programme. A range of taught masters and research degrees are available in other Irish universities.

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ARCHAEOLOGY GRADUATES



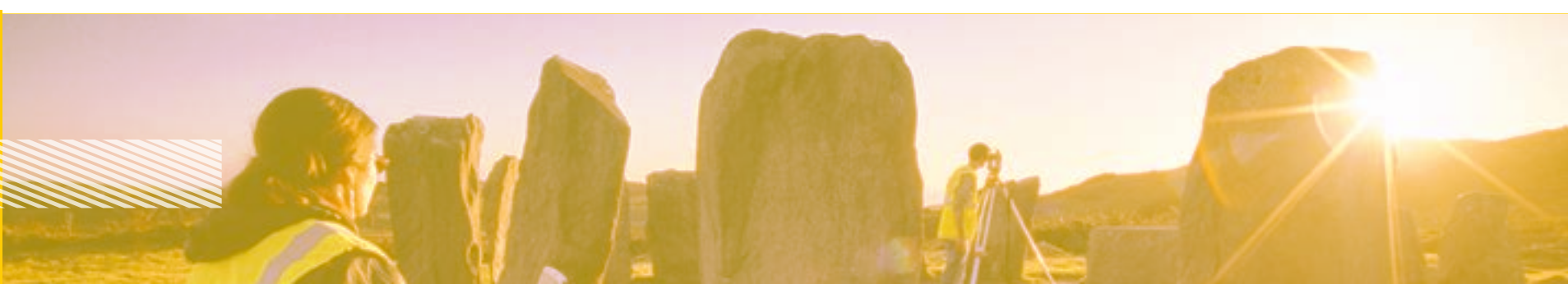
Archaeology is an internationally recognized area of professional employment, with opportunities for those with university-level qualifications and relevant work experience. UCC will provide students with academic training and technical skills necessary to develop a career in this field. The following are the main opportunities for employment in the Republic of Ireland:


The National Monuments Service and the National Museum of Ireland employ archaeologists in the discovery, recording and protection of archaeological artifacts, sites and monuments, and to promote public appreciation of this cultural heritage

01

Local authorities employ archaeologists as city and county heritage officers, to support the planning process, and work in local museums and in tourism attractions such as heritage parks and major monuments

02





Archaeologists are employed on a permanent and contract basis by semi-State agencies, such as Transport Infrastructure Ireland, Gas Networks Ireland, Bord na Móna and Coillte

03

Archaeologists teach and research in our universities, and also work with heritage organizations such as The Heritage Council and the Discovery Programme

04

There is a strong commercial sector in Irish Archaeology, with as many as 50 consultancies offering services to government bodies and private developers. This is connected to the creation of new roads, pipelines and housing, agriculture, forestry, telecommunications, wind energy, and other developments that require planning permission

05

Some archaeologists provide specialist contract services to those companies, including site survey and remote sensing, environmental analysis, architectural conservation, artefact studies, underwater archaeology, and forensic anthropology

06

Archaeologists in Ireland are employed in areas of cultural heritage tourism, running their own tour companies or heritage centres, and working with local community groups on tourism and education projects.



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Graduate Profile 1

CONNIE KELLEHER

I graduated from UCC with a BA degree in Archaeology, followed by a MA in maritime archaeology. I now work with the Underwater Archaeology Unit of the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. I have directed numerous dive projects on shipwreck sites, including two Spanish Armada wrecks, the remains of a pirate ship, and wrecks from the Cromwellian and 1798 Rebellion periods. Studying archaeology in UCC provided me with the foundation to specialize in underwater archaeology, and with the skills, experience and information to ensure I could follow a successful career that is fulfilling, rewarding and never boring!



Graduate Profile 2

COLM MOLONEY

I am managing director of Rubicon Heritage Services, a leading archaeology consultancy serving the Irish and UK markets. Since graduating from UCC I have worked in commercial archaeology in Scotland, France, England and Ireland. I love my job, enjoying the outdoor lifestyle, as well as the academic challenge of making sense of sites and monuments we excavate and survey. My days can involve business meetings in the office, excavation and survey in the field, writing or being interviewed for radio and television. My time at UCC provided me with a solid foundation for work as a professional archaeologist in Ireland and abroad.



Graduate Profile 3

MAEVE SIKORA

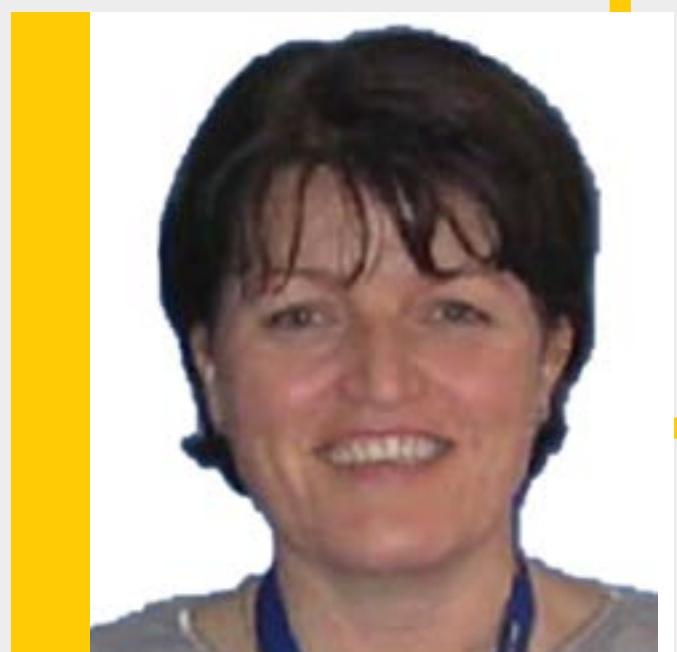
I graduated from UCC with a BA in archaeology, after which I did masters research in Viking studies. I now work as Keeper of Irish Antiquities in the National Museum of Ireland, based in Kildare Street, Dublin. My work at the museum is very diverse, involving office-based projects and fieldwork. This includes research into the national collections, and the development of different types of exhibitions. I have also travelled overseas bringing historic artifacts on loan to various exhibitions. The undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in UCC provided me with the knowledge and practical skills to work as an archaeologist in a museum.



Graduate Profile 4

IRENE O'SULLIVAN

My career began with undergraduate studies in archaeology in UCC. There was great emphasis placed on developing analytical and critical skills, and independent research was encouraged. I am employed now as a forensic advisor at the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI). That body is the principal forensic provider to the international tribunals based in the Netherlands. My job involves close contact with the National Police of the Netherlands, and with international policing agencies, such as Interpol, Europol, and the FBI. I worked previously for the United Nations, the International Commission on Missing Persons, and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.



WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

**UCC
ARCHAEOLOGY**



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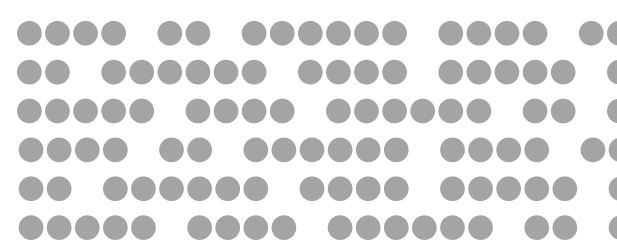
**NATIONAL MUSEUM
OF IRELAND**



**INSTITUTE OF
ARCHAEOLOGISTS OF
IRELAND**



**IRISH MUSEUMS
ASSOCIATION**



**ARCHAEOLOGICAL
EMPLOYMENT ACROSS
EUROPE**



**BRITISH
ARCHAEOLOGICAL
JOBS RESOURCE**



**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF
AN ARCHAEOLOGIST**



12 WAYS TO PUT YOUR ARCHAEOLOGY DEGREE TO WORK

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Participate fully in the professional training and fieldwork aspects of your degree.

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Gain practical experience through summer or part-time employment in relevant organisations (such as excavations, museums, charities etc.).

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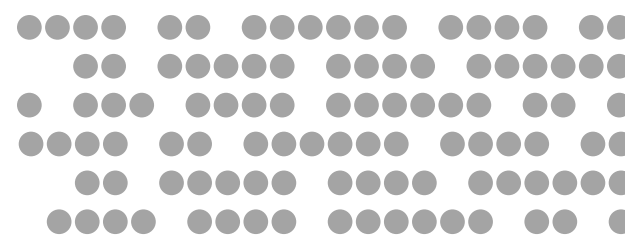
Gain relevant skills and experience through the “UCC Works” award.

**MORE
INFO** →

04

Gain relevant skills and experience through volunteering – find out more by attending the annual UCC volunteering fair.





05

Gain relevant skills and experience by taking an active role in a club/society that interests you, or the Student's Union.

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Avail of university-wide modules and skills training that will equip you with professional skills, such as business planning, IT, languages or presentation skills.

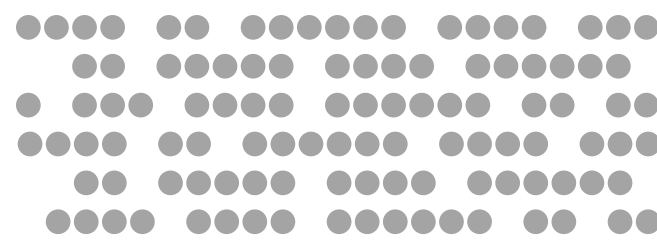
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Attend careers workshops and talks given by past graduates and qualified professionals in your field.

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Join relevant professional and industry networks in Ireland and abroad (e.g. the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland).





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Create an up-to-date CV and professional social media profile and presence.

10

Avail of professional, confidential and impartial careers advice at UCC Career Services by booking a consultation online.

11

Attend employer events on campus and use them to build relationships with potential employers.

12

Develop your degree with a masters course in Archaeology for further career training.

**MORE
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DID YOU KNOW?

There are over **1000** archaeological excavations in Ireland each year, employing large numbers of graduates.



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Recruitment**



**Book an
appointment
to meet a
careers advisor**



**Work
Placement**





UCC Works Award Programme



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your job

UCC Careers



MyStudentJob



Employability Events

Careers Fairs, Roadshows,
Employer Presentations



Volunteering Opportunities

