



# CAREERS FOR HISTORY GRADUATES

## HISTORY AT UCC

History is everywhere and unavoidable. History is the branch of knowledge that deals with the study of the past and the record of previous events. History students become proficient at gathering, interpreting and evaluating a wide range of evidence. History is 'alive' – it connects things through time from the past to the present and students take a long view. Interpretations of the past must be persuasive and agree with the evidence and the wider context. Historical skills are prized in all walks of life and work. They progress in law, research, accountancy, journalism, politics, policymaking, teaching, administration, management and media.



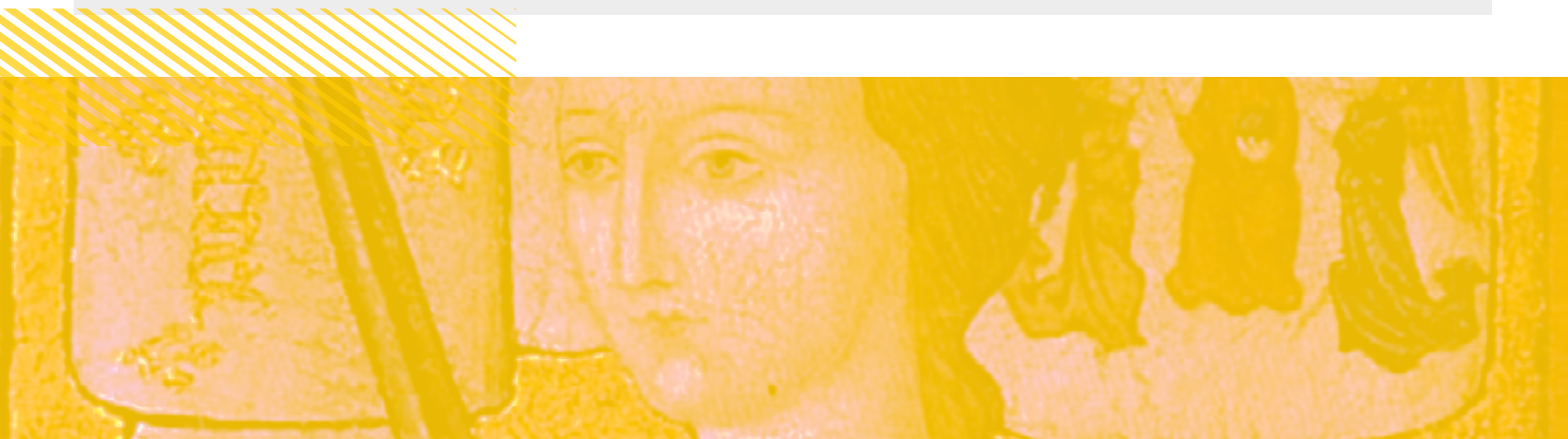
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University College Cork, Ireland  
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

School of  
**History**

# WHAT CAN HISTORY GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

Employers value Historians as they possess transferable skills. Historians are creative and critical thinkers who deliver on time. They:

- Formulate convincing and cogent arguments.
- Express themselves with coherence, clarity and fluency.
- Gather, organise and deploy diverse sources of evidence.
- Exercise self-discipline, self-direction and independent thought.
- Appreciate complexity and diversity of situations, events and mentalities.





- Adhere to rules of evidence with integrity and maturity.

- Use texts and a wide array of source materials critically.

- Command knowledge to contextualise and comprehend situations and problems.

- Understand how people have existed, acted and thought in context.

- Reflect critically on the nature of evidence and on theoretical underpinnings.

- Utilise ICT, retrieve information and present effectively.

- Respect others' reasoned views but subject them to critical analysis.

- Work collaboratively and participate effectively in group work.

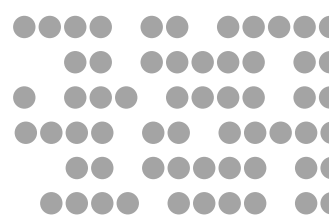
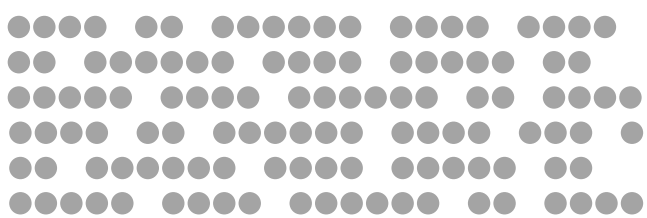
- Show empathy and imaginative insight.

- Display initiative.

# GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR HISTORY

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Each year, UCC Career Services produces a Graduate Outcomes Report based on an annual survey of graduates six months after graduation. UCC students study History as a subject offered within the Bachelor of Arts (BA) programme. You can see the 5-year trend for all BA graduates at the following link on the UCC Careers website:



## GRADUATE STUDIES

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Your BA is inestimable. With it you can opt to specialise in a field of history or go into different professions with a conversion masters. For those who decide to continue in History, UCC offers taught masters in History, International Relations, Irish Revolution, Local History, Medieval History, Renaissance Latin Culture and Strategic Studies (online). These are designed with career needs in mind, and include work placements and practical training in combination with academic learning. History is also a key contributor to collaborative programmes: Irish Studies; Digital Arts and Humanities; Government and Politics; and Women's Studies. For those interested in research, the Department offers a two-year MPhil degree and a three-year PhD programme.

# AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR HISTORY GRADUATES

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It will surprise many but History graduates are versatile and invariably progress quickly through the ranks in diverse sectors. They often rise to the top where you might you might least expect it. Their independence, research abilities, critical thinking, and reasoned argument (written and oral) are strong assets. History places a premium on wide reading and balancing frequently conflicting sources. When this is added to writing clear and synoptic accounts and drawing up equitable assessments it is not surprising why those with a History education are valued. Moreover, its graduates are not afraid to draw necessary conclusions. Employers in the modern fast-moving and smart economy need such creative and analytical graduates. Many Historians have top jobs within their grasp in the following fields:

Arts

01

Accountancy firms

02





Administration

03

Archives and records offices

04

Banking and finance

05

Business

06

Civil service

07

Editorial

08

Diplomacy

09

and much more!

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## Graduate Profile 1

### **LAURA CASHMAN**

Laura worked with various NGOs, UN agencies and government bodies in the US, the UK, Ireland and Zambia supporting projects that explored teaching and learning practices for marginalised groups. She is undertaking postgraduate studies at the University of Cambridge focusing on parental engagement in education in India. She won the National University of Ireland Traveling Studentship, the National University of Ireland Denis Phelan Award and the Lucy Cavendish College Simms Studentship in 2018 enabling her to do this and work towards her MPhil and PhD.



## Graduate Profile 2

### **EOIN DREA**

Senior Research Officer at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels, Belgium

Eoin holds a PhD in economic history from University College Cork, Ireland on the development of the Anglo-Irish banking system. Prior to undertaking his PhD, Eoin gained over six years' experience as a private sector economist. He also interned under Professor Lars Jonung in the Economic Research Unit of the Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN) in the European Commission in Brussels. He is a Research Fellow at the School of Business, Trinity College Dublin. Eoin's academic focus is inter-war (1918-39) economic and banking history. He is a regular media contributor and his opinion pieces have appeared in The Guardian, Politico, Euronews and The Irish Times among others.



### Graduate Profile 3

## **BOB PATTERSON**

Diplomat, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

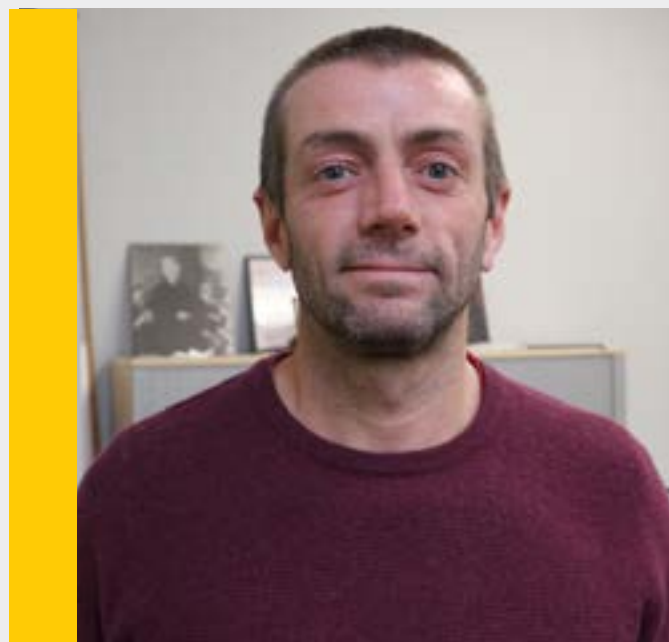
Bob Patterson has covered a broad spectrum of foreign policy in the Department of Foreign Affairs. His assignments included the Treaty of Nice, the European Convention on the Future of Europe, which led to the Treaty of Lisbon, disarmament and non-proliferation, including the Arms Trade Treaty adopted in 2012, and security including counter-terrorism. He was Deputy Director for International Security Policy. Overseas assignments included the United Kingdom, Nigeria and Vietnam, where he served as Deputy Ambassador, South Africa, where he managed Ireland's development assistance programmes, and Nigeria, as Chargé d'Affaires.



### Graduate Profile 4

## **TOM LONERGAN**

Tom Lonergan is a Senior Archivist. He entered UCC as a mature student 2012. He has worked in the Military Archives in Rathmines, the National Library on Kildare Street, Met Eireann headquarters in Glasnevin and the Holy Faith Sisters also in Glasnevin. He is currently Senior Archivist with the Presentation Sisters Congregation Archives. His duties include: cataloguing archives; facilitating researchers; outreach initiatives; Oral History Projects; acquiring official Museum Standard Accreditation; supervising interns.





# WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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**ACTIVELINK**



**ARTS MANAGEMENT  
JOBS IN IRELAND**



**BRITISH  
ASSOCIATION  
FOR LOCAL  
HISTORY**



**CANTERBURY  
CATHEDRAL  
OFFICIAL  
WEBSITE**



**THE CORK  
FOLKLORE  
PROJECT**



**CORK CITY  
AND COUNTY  
ARCHIVES**



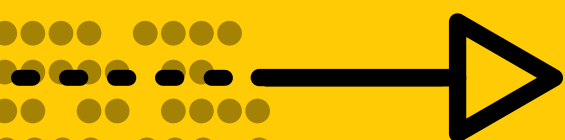
**CREATIVE  
CAREERS**



**DEPARTMENT  
OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS AND  
TRADE**



**ENGLISH  
HERITAGE**



**FÁILTE  
IRELAND**



# 8 WAYS TO PUT YOUR HISTORY DEGREE TO WORK

Employers want graduates with a healthy balance between study, work and extracurricular interests. A three-dimensional CV is evidence of maturity, life skills and active citizenship, indicating that you will be a sociable, committed and reliable colleague. You can boost your job prospects greatly by taking the following steps throughout your degree years:

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Get involved in the Students' Union or a club/society that interests you.

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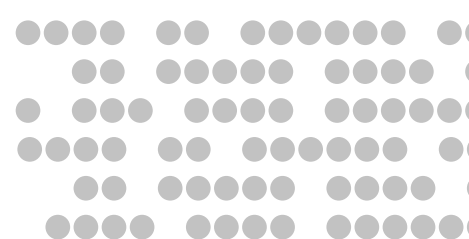
Gain relevant paid/voluntary work experience during holidays.

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**03**

Sign up for training courses that will strengthen your skillset, e.g. languages, ECDL.



**04**

Set up a LinkedIn profile and start building your network.

**05**

Go to UCC Career Services for careers advice and assistance with CV and interview preparation, job search strategies, and postgraduate options.

**06**

Attend careers events organised on campus and advertised on <https://www.ucc.ie/en/careers/>

**07**

Use careers events to initiate relationships with potential employers.

**08**

Check job vacancies regularly on <https://www.ucc.ie/en/careers/> and [www.gradireland.com](http://www.gradireland.com).



# DID YOU KNOW?

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During the most recent global, financial crisis in 2008, some financial institutions hired history graduates to identify parallels between that crisis and “The Great Depression of 1929”, to avoid repeating mistakes made in the 1930s.



# CONTACT US



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



**Work  
Placement**





## **UCC Works Award Programme**



**Connect with  
your job**

## **UCC Careers**



## **MyStudentJob**



## **Employability Events**

**Careers Fairs, Roadshows,  
Employer Presentations**



## **Volunteering Opportunities**

