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# Newman Fellowship Project History of Camogie

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Academic supervisor:

Professor Paul Rouse, UCD School of History

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# Project

The Camogie Association, in partnership with the School of History at University College Dublin, will undertake a pioneering research project on the history of Camogie.

The Camogie Association was founded in 1904 and will celebrate its 120th anniversary in 2024. The history of the Camogie Association spans the establishment of the Irish State, the women's movement and other significant events in Irish history. In 2018, Camogie (along with Hurling) was added to UNESCO's list of protected cultural activities around the world.

To coincide with the anniversary of the Association, this project will provide an enduring reference source for the social and sporting history of Camogie and the wider community from which the sport emerged and grew in strength. The project will be completed in time for the 125th anniversary in 2029.



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To fulfil this ambition and deliver meaningful and impactful research outputs, a new postdoctoral post will be established at UCD under the prestigious Newman Fellowship Programme. The Newman Fellow will work with Prof. Paul Rouse in UCD School of History to achieve the following aims:

- ❖ Develop a database which lists the historical records of the Camogie Association from its establishment to the current day, and help develop the cataloguing of records relevant to the emergence and growth of the sport of camogie
- ❖ Write a comprehensive history of camogie in the context of social, community and sporting life in Ireland

The [UCD Newman Fellowship Programme](#) is renowned for supporting excellent research across a broad spectrum of academic disciplines, and developing the skills and potential of exceptional early-career researchers. Since its inception in 1989, the Newman Fellowship Programme has developed an outstanding body of research across the humanities and sciences, with generous philanthropic support from Irish and multinational corporations, semi-state bodies, voluntary organisations and individuals. The programme continues to harness the power of philanthropy to drive knowledge creation at UCD.





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## Academic Supervisor Professor Paul Rouse

Professor Rouse is a pre-eminent Irish sports historian and professor at University College Dublin. He has extensively researched and authored texts on the history of Irish and global sport with a particular focus on GAA. His main research interest lies in the history of sport but also extends to popular culture, the history of the media, and the history of agriculture.

Professor Rouse is an experienced academic mentor and postdoctoral supervisor who has recently served as a mentor for the Newman Fellowship Programme at UCD.

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# Project Background

The Camogie Association is the National Governing Body for the sport of Camogie, and it is responsible for promoting and developing the game, and its governance structures across the Camogie community. The Association currently has in excess of 120,000 members both in Ireland and internationally. Camogie operates at club, county, provincial and international levels with teams of all ages participating in the sport in recreational and competitive activities.

There is currently no single catalogued archive of the Camogie Association. Records and items of historical value are kept in a number of locations, including:

- ❖ Croke Park Museum – the museum currently has approx. 500 items relating to Camogie which have been catalogued;
- ❖ Croke Park storage – a number of boxes are housed in the storage area. These are not catalogued and available for consultation;
- ❖ Various museums and collections throughout Ireland – these include Archbishop’s museum in Armagh, and University and local authorities sites where there are records of the game;
- ❖ Individuals and family collections – it is likely that a number of individuals have items of historical interest. As generations change there is an imminent risk that these may be lost to the Association unless a project of collection and indexation is commenced. The Postdoctoral Fellow will develop an archival database of this material.





# Funding

## Newman Fellow Support:

It is proposed to employ a Postdoctoral Fellow for two years duration to develop an archival database and produce a range of academic publication outputs.

The Newman Fellowship award will provide salary support for 2 years. The Fellow will be hosted in the UCD School of History and supervised throughout by academic mentor, Professor Paul Rouse.

Project Budget Estimation:	Total
Postdoctoral salary for two years, plus PRSI and pension contribution	<b>€110,000</b>
Over the two-year period a maximum budget of €10,000 will be allocated to cover costs for materials, consumables and travel	<b>€10,000</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>€120,000</b>





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**Thank you for  
your consideration**

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