



Royal Irish Academy Grants Report

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Project Title	Empirical Jury Research and Question Trails: Insights from New Zealand

1. Research background:

My primary area of research relates to trial by jury. My PhD (2013) theorised the approach of the Irish and English judiciaries to allegations of jury irregularities. My research on aspects of trial by jury has been published in prestigious international journals including the Criminal Law Review, the International Journal of Evidence and Proof, Legal Studies and the American Journal of Legal History.

2. Please outline the findings of your research and/or milestones achieved (did you achieve the primary objectives - if not, what did you learn from the process)?

The research trip enabled me to write up a large proportion of an article on jury intimidation in the Irish Free State, and to present the research to legal academics unfamiliar with the context and particulars of the campaign of intimidation. Their feedback was very valuable and the article has been submitted to the Law and History Review, where it is under review.

The meetings with judges were definite milestones and gave me an understanding of the procedure for authorising jury research and the misgivings of some senior judges about such projects. I had not been aware of these underlying issues relating to the published research and don't think I could have been if it had not been for the meetings.