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Women in Irish Research

- Charlotte Brooke (1746-1811)**: Pioneer of Irish literature in English and hailed as a forerunner for the Irish Literary Revival and Gaelic League.
- Anne Jellicoe (1823-1886)**: Educationalist, statistician, and pioneer in the nascent field of Irish social science research.
- Helena Conannon (1878-1952)**: Early historian of the role of women in Ireland; poet who conducted new research in the archives of convents and religious orders.
- Alicia Nicole Stott (1860-1946)**: Internationally-renowned mathematician who coined the word "polytope" and produced 4-dimensional polytope models.
- Margaret Lindsay Huggins (1848-1914)**: With her husband William, Margaret developed the dry plate photographic plate, laying foundations for the development of entomology.
- Mairéad Knowles (1864-1933)**: Founder of modern research into Irish folklore who wrote the widely hailed "The Lichens of Ireland" in 1929.
- Phyllis Clinch (1861-1934)**: Made a major contribution to our understanding of degenerative plant viruses, especially in potato plants.
- Maude Jane Delpap (1866-1952)**: Marine biologist who was the first person to elucidate the complex life cycle of jellyfish.
- Marie Curie (1867-1935)**: Renowned observer and photographer of solar eclipses whose coincided with the discovery of the Irish Ice Age.
- Kathleen Lonsdale (1893-1971)**: World class researcher in the field of X-ray crystallography who discovered that the benzene ring is flat in 1929.
- Kay McNulty Mauchly Antonelli (1921-2006)**: Member of the all-woman Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer team that, during World War II, programmed the first digital computer.
- Estimate Anne Louise McIlroy (1871-1964)**: First female medical professor in Ireland and Birney who conducted research in the field of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.
- Aislinn Doherty (1946-2002)**: Pioneer in the field of osteoarchaeology and Ireland who became a leading expert in dog-bone investigation.

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