

Real Madrid team up with University of Kent for new research project

Spanish football giants Real Madrid have teamed up with the University of Kent as part of a sports science study.

The project will look at how trainee teachers view the integration of pupils with disabilities into physical education.

"Real has established a foundation which funds research projects with universities across Europe," said sport management studies expert Dr Sakis Pappous. "But Kent is the first UK university to receive funding under this scheme.

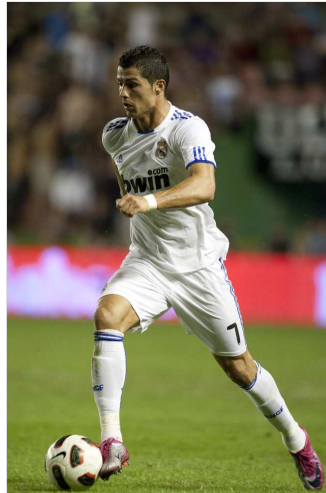
"The Real Madrid Chair aims to foster the creation of new knowledge and advanced research and stimulate the integration of the academic and sports worlds.

"This project will have an intercultural element looking at how trainee teachers both in the UK and Spain view the inclusion of pupils with disabilities in PE."

The research project will involve both sports science and psychology researchers from both Kent and Spain's University of Granada.

Real Madrid's Dr Celia Rico said: "We aim to stimulate university co-operation with the sports world and it is important to involve institutions from across Europe."

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