Ms Chloe Kinsella, a 2008 Mechanical Engineering graduate, was awarded the Maurice F FitzGerald Prize which was presented to her at an award ceremony held in the Parsons Building, TCD on Monday, 9\textsuperscript{th} March, 2009.

The Maurice F FitzGerald prize was instituted in 1961 by a bequest from Anna Maria FitzGerald and is awarded annually, where sufficient merit is shown, on the nomination of Trustees based on the results at the final examination for the degree of B.A.I. Candidates must have achieved distinction during the engineering course and be making satisfactory progression of their knowledge in the profession of engineer. Ms Kinsella is currently working with ESB International in Dublin as part of an emerging start-up team called ESBI Carbon Solutions whose focus is on reducing fuel consumption and generating power from less carbon-intensive fuels.

In total, eight 2008 graduates were short-listed by the Trustees for this prize and it was noted by one of the Trustees, former Director General of Engineers Ireland Mr Finbarr Callanan, that “the current batch of engineering graduates contain many candidates of exceptional merit whose academic results are outstanding”.

The Trustees for this prize consist of the Provost, Dr John Hegarty, Professor John Fitzpatrick (Head of the School of Engineering), Professor John Byrne (former Dean of the Faculty and Head of Computer Science) and Mr Finbarr Callanan (former Director General of Engineers Ireland).