Mr Mark O’Callaghan, a 2009 an Electronic/Computer Engineering graduate, was awarded the Maurice F FitzGerald Prize which was presented to him at an award ceremony held in the Museum Building, TCD on Monday, 29th March, 2010.

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. Mr O’Callaghan is currently working with NYSE Technologies Development Ltd. in Belfast, as part of the Data Fabric team which provide a high performance middle-ware solution at the heart of NYSE Technologies market data and electronic trading solution.

In total, five 2009 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).