


 **School of Engineering Prizegiving**

 **Friday, 5th June 2026**

 **12:00 PM**

Hosted by Dr Alan Morrison, Head, School of Engineering & Architecture

 **Studio for Innovation and Design, Ashley Cummins Building**



School of Engineering & Architecture Prize Giving Ceremony June 5th 2026

Welcome winners, industry sponsors, families and friends!
MC: Dr Alan Morrison, Head, School of Engineering & Architecture



Dr. Paul Cahill Memorial Prize

The **Dr Paul Cahill Memorial Prize** is in memory of Dr Paul Cahill who died in August 2022 and is donated by Paul's family.


A graduate of UCC, Paul completed his BE (Hons) in Civil Engineering in 2011 and subsequently undertook a PhD investigating vibration-based health monitoring of civil infrastructure using energy harvesting techniques; from which he graduated in 2016.

The Dr Paul Cahill Memorial Prize honours Paul's commitment to research and learning by recognizing the outstanding dissertation in the BE/ME in Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering.

Award Value: €500

Eligibility:

- BE (Hons) Final Year Project (CE4002)
- ME Dissertation (CE6009)

 **Recipient:** Eabha Keely (ME, CSE)

Remarks by : Jane Cahill



Photo: l to r.: Ms Jane Cahill,(Paul Cahill's sister) Ms Eabha Keely and Dr Ciarán Hanley, Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering.

Dr. Elmer Morrissey Memorial Scholarship

The Dr. Elmer Morrissey Memorial Scholarship provides an annual Scholarship to an outstanding student in any of our undergraduate engineering programs that in addition to excelling academically also made impactful contributions to student life in UCC.

The scholarship is supported by a fund with trustees consisting of classmates, colleagues and friends of Dr. Elmer Morrissey, who graduated from UCC with a **BE in 2002 and a PhD in 2006**, so we can celebrate Dr. Morrissey's life achievements and acknowledge new generations that, like him, excel academically and also give outstanding contributions to society.

Award Value: €1,500

 **Recipient:** Gregor Elias Kenneweg MEngSc Sustainable Energy (in attendance)

Remarks by: Kelda Morrissey (Elmer's sister)



Photo: Winner Gregor Elias Kenneweg (ctr) with the Elmer Morrissey committee members including Kelda Morrissey (right)

Joe Gantly Prize

The **Joe Gantly Prize** also celebrates the memory of an outstanding contributor to our community that was also taken from us way too early. Joe Gantly is known to many here for his influential work in industry and the business community, having served in UCC's Governing Body. His contribution to the community also included having been President of Cork's Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors this award in his memory. The Prize is awarded to the student that makes the best presentation about his 8-month long work placement in one of our Integrated Masters programmes.

Every year a selection committee including a representative from the Cork Chamber considers one selected student from each ME programme, awards a 1st prize to one and runners-up to the others.

Awarded By: Cork Chamber of Commerce

Award Value in Total: €1,500

 **Winners First & Second prize:** John Scanlan (ME, CSE) & Kate Donovan (PCE)

 **Runners-Up:**

- Mark Maguire EEE and Daniel O'Reilly NE (only Daniel in attendance with parents)

Remarks by: Prof Maria de Sousa Gallagher



Photo: Daniel O'Reilly, Energy Engineering with Prof Maria Sousa Gallagher, School of Engineering

🏆 Prof. Gerard Wrixon Prize (EEE)

Prof. Wrixon was a Professor in Engineering and then President of UCC, having been instrumental in materialising a culture of excellence and ambition for the University. His extraordinary achievement in the creation and development of what is now the Tyndall National Institute is of particular pride to us. Tyndall is by far the foremost Research Institute in Ireland, in any area of research, and one of the main ones in Europe, and I dare say, the World. Starting from humble beginnings as a Microelectronics Research Centre, it now intervenes in varied areas of technology, perhaps also as microelectronic and nanotechnologies developed applications in virtually everything.

Awarded to the top graduate of the 5-year ME in Electrical & Electronic Engineering.

Award: Medal + €250

🎓 **Recipient:** Orla Cowhig (EEE) (in attendance)

Presented by: Professor Gerard Wrixon

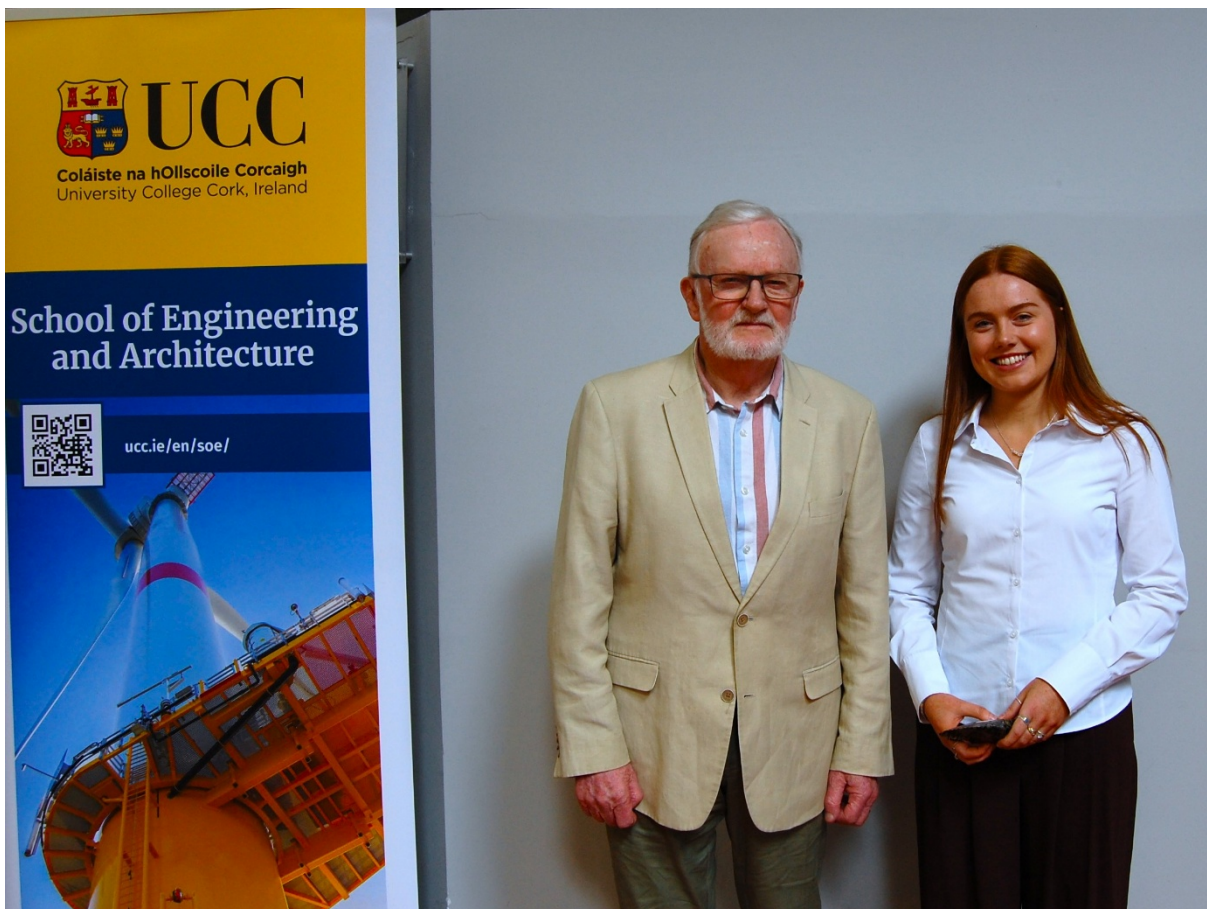


Photo: Professor Gerard Wrixon with Orla Cowhig

CEIA Prize (BE EEE)

The **Cork Electronics Industry Association Prize** is sponsored by the CEIA, which comprises of over 50 companies in the Cork Area, various relevant State Agencies and the Higher Education Institutions of Munster. Founded in 1984, throughout its life, the CEIA has witnessed the remarkable growth of a World-class business location in our community, partly a testament to a successful symbiosis between academia and industry, which we have been celebrating with this award.

The Prize is awarded to the student that graduates top of his class in the 4-year **BE in Electrical & Electronic Engineering** (highest final aggregate marks), consisting of a medal and a parchment.

Award: Medal + Parchment

 **Recipient:** Ylber Sadiku (in attendance)

Remarks by: Dr Kevin McCarthy, School of Engineering



Photo: Dr Kevin McCarthy, School of Engineering with Ylber Sadiku

📁 Infineon Technologies Prize (Best EEE Third Year Student)

The Infineon Technologies Prize celebrates academic excellence of students in 3rd year of the B.E. Electrical and Electronic Engineering programme at UCC.

It reflects Infineon Technologies' commitment to encourage students to take up careers in Electrical and Electronic Engineering and acknowledges the skill and efforts of the student who achieves the top grades.

Award Value: €1,000

🎓 Recipient: Luke Ennis (in attendance)

Remarks by: Kevin O'Sullivan, Infineon Technologies



Photo: Dr Kevin McCarthy School of Engineering, Mr Kevin O'Sullivan, Infineon Technologies, Luke Ennis and Ms Saba Loftis, SEFS.



Qualcomm Top of the Class Award (Year 1)

The **Qualcomm Top of the Class Award** prize should be called the **Most Promising Electrical/Electronic Engineer Award**, as it is given to the 1st year student with the highest mark in EE1007, the introductory module of Electrical and Electronic Engineering that all 1st year students take, and that goes on to select the Electrical & Electronic Engineering degree in 2nd year.

Award Value: €2,000

 **Recipient:** Matteo John Spadafora (not in attendance)

Remarks by: Aaron Hogan and Shaun O'Connell Qualcomm

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Qualcomm Top of the Class Award

Subject to students choosing Electrical & Electronic Engineering degree in second year.

Congratulations to
Matteo John Spadafora




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Qualcomm EEE Excellence Award

This award, which consists of a prize of €3,000, is made to the student who achieved the top percentage graduation mark in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (BE or ME programmes) which shall not be lower than 80%. Also, the student should have achieved first class honours in Electrical and Electronic Engineering in each year of study at UCC.

Award Value: €3,000

 **Recipient:** Yiber Sadiku (*2nd award today*)

Remarks by: Aaron Hogan and Shaun O'Connell Qualcomm



Photo: Professor Emanuel Popovici, School of Engineering, Mr Aaron Hogan, Qualcomm, Ylber Sadiku and Mr Shaun O'Connell, Qualcomm



School Postgraduate Research Publication of the Year

The postgraduate publication of the year prize is awarded to the best peer-reviewed academic papers submitted by a registered (or recently graduated) research students in the School of Engineering and Architecture.

 **Winner:** Neng Wang (*not in attendance*)

 **Runners-Up:**

- Tinghao Liu (*not in attendance*)
- Rajas Shinde (*not in attendance*)

Remarks by: Professor Gordon Lightbody

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School of Engineering Research Publication of the year

Congratulations to first prize winner: Neng Wang,
Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering

Congratulations to Runners Up:
Tinghao Liu and Rajas Shinde



🏆 The Uisce Éireann Bursary for Women in Engineering

The Uisce Éireann Bursary for Women in Engineering recognises and supports outstanding students demonstrating strong academic achievement, leadership, commitment and potential in engineering and water-related disciplines. The award aims to encourage the development of future leaders who will contribute to advancing sustainable water infrastructure, environmental protection and innovation within the sector. Valued at €1000, the bursary supports third and fourth year undergraduate engineering students at University College Cork in pursuing excellence in their studies while fostering engagement with critical challenges relating to water resources, public infrastructure, sustainability and climate resilience. The award also strengthens links between higher education and industry and helps support the next generation of engineering and environmental professionals in Ireland.

Winner: Abigail Kelleher (not in attendance)

Remarks by: Professor Marguerite Nyhan



Photo: Professor Marguerite Nyhan, School of Engineering, Ms Saba Loftus, SEFS and Dr Ken Bruton, School of Engineering



🏆 **Best NE Final Year Project, Best Student Award (Energy Engineering)**

🎓 **Winner:** Josh Moore (4th Year Energy) (in attendance)

Sponsored by: Statkraft Ireland

Project Title: “European Offshore Solar Energy Resources in a Changing Climate”

Supervisor: Professor Gregorio Iglesias

Remarks by: Dr Paul Leahy



Photo: Dr Paul Leahy, School of Engineering and Josh Moore



🌐 John Joseph McCarthy Scholarship (Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering)

Awarded to a civil engineering student who contributed significantly to UCC sports.

Award Value: €750

Donor: Mr. John McCarthy (BE'79)

🎓 Recipient: Meabh Hughes (*Not in attendance*)

Remarks by: Mr John MacCarthy



Excellence in Structural Design (Meng Student Prize)

Awarded by MWP, this prize recognises the ME Structural Design student who has demonstrated sustained excellence over the course of their degree, particularly within the design studio environment. It celebrates a commitment to innovative thinking, technical rigour, and the ability to develop clear, efficient, and elegant structural solutions from concept through to detailed design.

MWP (Malachy Walsh and Partners) is a leading multi-disciplinary engineering and environmental consultancy with a long-established reputation for delivering thoughtful, practical and high-quality design solutions. This prize reflects those values, recognising a student whose work exemplifies creativity, analytical depth, and a holistic approach to structural design.

The recipient of the award will receive an iPad and Apple Pencil, supporting their continued development and future work in structural engineering and design.

Sponsored By: Malachy Walsh and Partners

Coordinator: Dr Michael O'Shea

 **Winner:** Oisin Coyle (*Not in attendance*)

 **Represented by Oisin's mother:** Majella McMahon

Remarks: Mr John Lee, MWP



Photo: Mr John Lee, MWP and Ms Majella McMahon

■ **Best Project in Interdisciplinary Design (Civil, Structural & Environmental Engineering)**

TetraTech is delighted to offer prizes to the best interdisciplinary design project in the final year of the Integrated Masters in Civil, Structural, and Environmental Engineering. Tetra Tech will present the prize this year's winners for their project on the Cork Northern Distributor Multi-Modal Route.

Award Value: €250 each plus glassware

🎓 **Winners:** Ciaran Byrne, Eoghan Lonergan, Emma Kate O'Sullivan and Kate Anne Scully

Kate Scully and parents in attendance, Eoghan Lonergan's parents representing him.

Remarks by: Mark Condron, Sector Director - Transport Infrastructure (Denis Kelleher will introduce)



Photo: Mark Condron, Sector Director - Transport Infrastructure and Saba Loftus

With winners Ciaran Byrne, Eoghan Lonergan represented by his parents , Emma Kate O'Sullivan and Kate Anne Scully (unable to attend)



The John Murphy Postgraduate Research Fellowship in Civil Engineering 2025

J. Murphy & Sons Ltd. of London funded this fellowship in 1977 to emphasise the value of research in the advancement of the practice of Civil Engineering, and to enable professional engineers to engage in research for a limited period. His object is to foster research on engineering problems, emerging in practice, which are associated with the industrial development of Ireland, and its natural resources. It is intended that the fellowship should be held by a person or persons actively concerned with the solution of engineering problems demonstrably generated by, and of major significance to, the practice of Civil Engineering in Ireland. In all cases, preference will be given to candidates whose research projects most closely accord with the letter and the spirit of this intention.

 **Winner:** Chuanyang Peng (in attendance)

Award Value: €8,250 per annum

Remarks by: Dr Denis Kelliher



Photo: Dr Denis Kelliher, School of Engineering with Chuanyang Peng


 **Horner Best Poster Award (EEE BE Capstone Projects)**

Awarded for outstanding poster presentation.

Sponsored By: Horner Automation Group (Value: €600+)

Coordinator: Prof. Nabeel Riza

 **Winner:** Jack Foley (*Not in attendance*)

 **Runners-Up:** Niamh Redmond and Adam Carroll (*Niamh Redmond and parents in attendance*)


Remarks: Professor Nabeel Riza



Photo: Professor Nabeel Riza, School of Engineering, Niamh Redmond and Dr Kevin McCarthy, School of Engineering

 **Best EEE Final Year Project – Best Student Award**

Award Value: €300

 **Winner:** *Peter Mayer (in attendance)*

Remarks by: Professor Nabeel Riza, School of Engineering

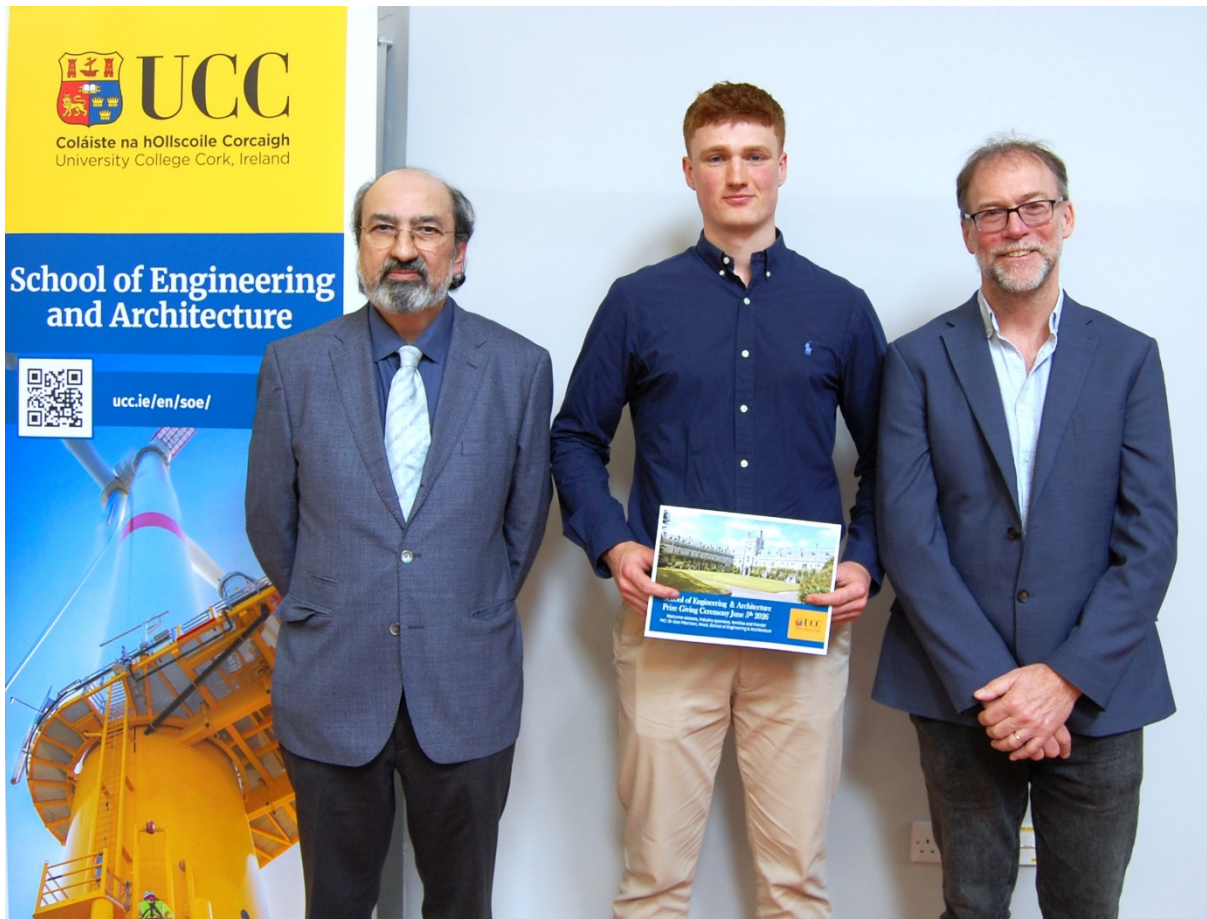


Photo: Professor Nabeel Riza, Peter Mayer and Professor Gordon Lightbody, School of Engineering