

PharmaChemical Ireland's Industry Awards
for Science Teaching Excellence.

PharmaChemical Ireland a sector with IBEC is proud to announce the winners of the Industry Awards for Science Teaching Excellence 2009. Various pharmaceutical and chemical companies throughout Ireland sponsor the awards for the top science teachers that graduate from the respective universities in 2008 and are in their first year of teaching. These awards were established last year by the PharmaChemical industry to acknowledge and applaud those teachers that demonstrate excellence in their teaching, motivation of and influencing of students to pursue a career in science.

Siobhan Murphy, education executive with in PharmaChemical Ireland said "These awards show the commitment by industry to support and recognize excellent science teachers as they motivate students to excel in science ensuring a constant and high quality stream of science students entering third level."

There are ten winners:

Vicki Hennessy	UL	MSD
Mary Manning	UCC	Novartis
Maire Lawlor	UCC	Pfizer
Gareth Belton	NUIG	ICDA
Alison Mulcahy	NUIG	Jasseen
Sharon Boyle	UCD	Wyeth
Kerrie Whelan	DCU	Schering Plough
Michelle Kelly	NUIM	Genzyme
Niamh McGuinness	TCD	TEVA

"I would like to congratulate each of the winners on their marvellous achievement and I hope they will continue to demonstrate their excellence in teaching and will support and assist the ISTA" added Murphy.

The award of €2000 consists of **10 years membership of the ISTA**, an **LCD projector** for each teacher and a **cash prize of €900**. On the day, a panel of judges selects the overall winner based on the following criteria, creativity and effectiveness of teaching when they present an area of junior cert chemistry. **The overall prize is worth a further €3000, consisting €1000 cash, a laptop, and lifetime membership of the ISTA.**