



CEREMONY: O'Reilly

PAIR BAG O'REILLY SCHOLARSHIPS

THE O'Reilly Foundation — founded by Anthony O'Reilly in 1998 — yesterday announced the recipients of the 11th O'Reilly Scholarship Awards for the 2009/2010 academic year.

The postgraduate scholarships were awarded to Ruth Gilligan and Inish O'Doherty, who are both from Dublin.

Among the attendees at the presentation ceremony were Lady O'Reilly, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Professor John Kelly, chairman of the Scholarship Board.

Ruth Gilligan, from Blackrock, Co Dublin, is the youngest O'Reilly Scholar to date.

She is currently studying for a BA in English Literature at Cambridge University and will pursue a Masters in Creative Writing at a US university when she finishes later this year.

Novels

Ruth has already published two novels and a third one is on the way.

She also wrote a weekly column for the Saturday Magazine of the

Irish Independent in 2007 and 2008.

Inish O'Doherty, from Donnybrook, Co Dublin, has just commenced his PhD in Chemical Biology at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

He has been accepted onto their prestigious tri-institutional Training Programme for Chemical Biology (TPCB) with the Sloan-Kettering Institute and the Rockefeller Institute.

Inish also graduated from UCD with a first class honours in Chemistry.