

Trinity lecturer wins Oscar for software

A TCD lecturer will be awarded an Oscar this weekend for his visual effects software used in a string of Hollywood blockbusters.

Dr Anil Kokaram of the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering worked as a consultant with the Foundry, a British software developer.

He won the Scientific and Engineering Oscar with three members of the firm's software development team: Dr Bill Collis, Simon Robinson and Ben Kent.

The team's image-processing software, used to speed up the editing process, has been used on films including Casino Royale, X-Men, The Last Stand, The Da Vinci Code and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

It creates unique special effects and automates manual cleaning-up tasks on the visuals.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science ceremony takes place in Los Angeles tomorrow, two weeks ahead of the eagerly awaited



AWARD: Dr Anil Kokaram

glitzy movie awards.

The Scientific and Technical Awards, hosted by actress Maggie Gyllenhaal, are presented for devices, methods, formulas, discoveries or inventions of special and outstanding value to the arts and sciences of motion pictures.