



Press release

Ruane awarded SPIE Travel Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 15 May 2015 – Garreth Ruane has been awarded a 2015 Travel Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Ruane is a PhD student in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science at Rochester Institute of Technology (USA). His research interests include high-contrast astronomical imaging techniques and instrumentation. Ruane has held research positions at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Naval Research Laboratory, and the University of Liège. He plans to use the Travel Scholarship to present his research at SPIE's Optics + Photonics in August.

In 2015 SPIE awarded \$353,000 in education and travel scholarships to 126 outstanding individuals, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Award-winning applicants were evaluated, selected and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, Chaired by SPIE volunteer Cristina Solano.

Through 2014 SPIE has distributed over \$4.5 million dollars in individual scholarships to. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education and to the next generation of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

To view press releases of the scholarship recipients as they become available go to <http://spie.org/x1737.xml>. Contact scholarships@spie.org if you have any questions. Learn more at <http://spie.org/scholarships>.

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