



Press release

Notaros awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 26 May 2015 – Jelena Notaros has been awarded a 2015 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for her potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Beginning Fall 2015, Notaros will begin her PhD in Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as an MIT Presidential Fellow and NSF Graduate Research Fellow where she will be exploring photonic quantum technologies. Notaros received her B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Colorado Boulder (USA). As an undergraduate researcher in the Nanophotonic Systems Laboratory, she designed record-performance gratings for CMOS-compatible photonic microprocessor communications. Notaros has published two journal papers, nine conference papers, and five other publications. She was the recipient of the 2014 IEEE Region 5 Student Paper Competition Award, 2014 OSA IMC Student Travel Grant, and 2015 Chancellor's Recognition Award.

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. 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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