



Press release

## Dupuis awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 19 May 2015 – Michael L. Dupuis has been awarded a 2015 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Dupuis is a rising undergraduate senior at the University of Rochester (USA), where he is majoring in Optical Engineering and minoring in Computer Science. He has worked with two biomedical optics research groups: one researching novel lens systems to aid homonymous hemianopia patients and another investigating the influence of peripheral aberrations on axial elongation and myopic progression. In addition, he was part of a team seeking to develop an onboard laser weapon system for the Office of Naval Research while working for Northrop Grumman in the Laser and Sensor Department.

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.

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