



Press release

Meisenheimer awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 17 June 2015 – Peter Meisenheimer 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.



Meisenheimer is a third-year undergraduate student at the University of Washington (USA) pursuing a degree in materials science with a focus in nanophotonics. His interests include optically induced kinetics and the engineering of quantum systems. His recent research projects include the generation of steam from solar radiation using nanostructured materials and measuring the strain induced photoluminescence of quantum dot systems. Meisenheimer is very active in outreach, travelling to middle and high-schools to educate students on materials science. He is a member of the UW chapter of Tau Beta Pi and enjoys skiing and fencing in his spare time.

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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