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Liu awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – June 13, 2013 – Yong-Chun Liu has been awarded a 2013 Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics, or related field.



Liu is a PhD candidate at Peking University (China). His research is focused on quantum optics and micro/nano photonics, advised by Professor Yun-Feng Xiao. He is currently visiting Professor Chee Wei Wong's group at Columbia University (USA). Liu has published more than 10 papers, including 2 first-author papers in Physics Review Letters. In 2012, he was a participant of the Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting, as a young researcher. He will mainly use the scholarship for overseas research activities, including academic visits and attending international conferences.

In 2013 SPIE awarded \$351,000 in scholarships to 139 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 Kevin Leonard.

To date, SPIE has distributed over \$3.5 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.

SPIE scholarships are open to full- and part-time students studying anywhere in the world. All scholarship applications are judged on their own merit based on the experience and education level of the individual student.

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