



Press release
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Richardson awarded Teddi Laurin Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Malley Richardson** has been awarded the 2023 Teddi Laurin Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for potential contributions to the field of optics and photonics.

Photonics Media partners with SPIE to fund the Teddi Laurin Scholarship to raise awareness of optics and photonics, and to foster growth and success in the photonics industry by supporting students involved in photonics. This scholarship is in memory of Laurin Publishing and Photonics Media founder, Teddi Laurin.



Richardson is a Master of Applied Science student in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the University of British Columbia (Canada), supervised by Professor Christopher Collier. She earned her undergraduate degree in Mechanical Engineering with a specialization in Biomedical Engineering. "My research focuses on the biomedical applications of microcapillary electrophoresis coupled with fluorescence spectroscopy," said Richardson. "Throughout my undergrad, I have been actively involved in STEM outreach activities to encourage the next generation of women to study the applications of optics. I am sincerely grateful to be awarded this scholarship and am excited to continue developing bio-optical technologies."

In 2023, the Society is awarding \$293,000 in education scholarships to 72 outstanding SPIE Student Members, 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 Senior Member Brian Primeau.

Since the program began, SPIE has distributed more than \$7 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 other 2023 scholarship press releases as they become available, please visit the [2023 Scholarship Winners page](#) or learn more about [SPIE scholarships](#) on spie.org.

SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, brings engineers, scientists, students, and business professionals together to advance light-based science and technology. The Society, founded in 1955, connects and engages with our global constituency through industry-leading conferences and exhibitions; publications of conference proceedings, books, and journals in the SPIE Digital Library; and career-building opportunities. Over the past five years, SPIE has contributed more than \$22 million to the international optics community through our advocacy and support, including scholarships, educational resources, travel grants, endowed gifts, and public-policy development. www.spie.org.

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