



Press release

Williams awarded The Teddi Laurin Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – July 7, 2016 – Kaitlyn Williams has been awarded the first Teddi Laurin Scholarship. Photonics Media is partnering 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 new Scholarship is in honor of their late founder, Teddi Laurin.



Williams is a recent graduate of the undergraduate optical engineering program at the University of Arizona (USA). She will continue her education with an optical engineering Master's Degree focusing on lens design with specific applications in telescopic camera systems. During the completion of her Master's, she will also work as an Optical Systems Engineer at Raytheon Missile Systems. "I hope to continue my education by pursuing doctoral studies in optical sciences with focuses on solar engineering after a few years in industry," said Williams.

In 2016 SPIE awarded \$351,000 in education and travel scholarships to 133 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. An additional \$45,000 in travel scholarships will be awarded later this year.

Through 2015, SPIE has distributed \$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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