Press release

Bai awarded Teddi Laurin Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – May 15, 2018 – Zhenxu Bai has been awarded the 2018 Teddi Laurin Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for his potential contributions to the field of photonics or related field.

Bai is a cotutelle PhD candidate at Macquarie University (Australia) and Harbin Institute of Technology (China) under the co-supervision of Prof. Rich Mildren and Prof. Zhiwei Lu. His research focuses on Raman and Brillouin lasers in diamond. “The distinctive properties of diamond make it a promising approach in developing compact high efficiency and high brightness lasers. My future work will focus on power-scaling of diamond lasers and development of on-chip diamond devices for microwave-photonic applications,” said Bai.

The Society awarded $293,000 in education scholarships to 85 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 volunteer Jeremy Bos.

Through 2017, SPIE has distributed $5.7 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.

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