



Press release

Vasileva awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – May 31, 2019 – **Anna Vasileva** has been awarded a 2019 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for her potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Vasileva is a third-year PhD student at ITMO University (Russian Federation) where she is currently doing applied research in optical-electronic methods for gamma visualization and leading a project aiming at developing a prototype of imaging system for ionizing radiation. The main results of this research and development will be used in security and environmental monitoring systems. “This will make the radiation monitoring process more effective,” says Vasileva.

The Society awarded \$298,000 in education scholarships to 84 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 2018, SPIE has distributed \$6 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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