



Press release

Côté awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – June 4, 2019 – **Geoffroi Côté** has been awarded a 2019 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Côté is a doctoral candidate in physics at the Université Laval (Canada). Under the supervision of Prof. Simon Thibault and Prof. Jean-François Lalonde, his research aims to adapt ideas from artificial intelligence, specifically machine learning, to allow the development of new lens design techniques. “The techniques developed aim not only to provide a powerful toolbox for experienced optical designers to create new optical systems, but also to provide ready-to-use solutions to democratize lens design,” says Côté.

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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