



Press release

Holguin-Lerma awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – May 31, 2019 – **Jorge A. Holguin-Lerma** 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.



Holguin-Lerma is a PhD student in the Photonics Laboratory led by Prof. Boon S. Ooi in the CEMSE Department at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (Saudi Arabia). His research focuses on developing novel semiconductor laser and super luminescent diodes emitting at visible wavelengths and their application to optical communications, sensing, and instrumentation. He holds professional experience in the area of device characterization as a components engineer at Honeywell. Holguin-Lerma has authored/co-authored over 25 journal and conference papers and has served as a technical referee for OSA, IEEE, and Elsevier.

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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