



Press release

Sobczak awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – June 7, 2019 – **Marcelina Sobczak** 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.



Sobczak is a PhD candidate in the Department of Optics and Photonics at the Wrocław University of Science and Technology (Poland). Her current research focuses on measuring properties of different birefringent media in reflection system using the Stokes Polarimeter. She wants to reveal the truth about the structure of human cornea using optics. She works in the Visual Optics Group under the supervision of Dr. Magdalena Widlicka and Prof. Piotr Kurzynowski. "I enjoy the multidisciplinary of my studies in which physics and biology are complementary," says Sobczak.

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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