



Press release

Hopmann awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 14 May 2020 – **Eric Hopmann** has been awarded a 2020 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.



Hopmann is a PhD candidate at the University of Alberta (Canada), supervised by Prof. Abdulhakem Elezzabi. His research in the Ultrafast Optics and Nanophotonics Lab focuses on plasmonics and their interplay with chromatic materials. “We work on the development of high-speed chromatic materials for application in full-color printing and simultaneous energy storage. Enabling technologies for a sustainable future have always been a passion of mine. I am very thankful for the support by SPIE, which provided me with meaningful networking possibilities and financial support to cover my studies abroad,” said Hopmann.

In 2020, the Society is awarding \$298,000 in education scholarships to 78 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 Kate Medicus.

Through 2019, SPIE has distributed over \$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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