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Moreno-Rodríguez awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Hugo Abel Moreno-Rodríguez** has been awarded a 2023 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics, or related field.



Moreno-Rodríguez' interest in optics and photonics took root during his undergraduate years in Engineering Physics and Mechatronics Engineering at Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico), leading him to become an active member of the local SPIE Student Chapter. Fascinated by the vast potential of light-based technologies, he has undertaken hands-on research projects as part of the university's Photonics and Mathematical Optics Group, delving into holography, cryptography, structured light, and partially polarized light. "Working with colleagues," said Moreno-Rodríguez, "I have been integral in setting up complex experiments, focusing heavily on experimental design and implementation, and diligently analyzing data, all contributing to progress in the field."

In 2023, the Society is awarding \$293,000 in education scholarships to 72 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 Senior Member Brian Primeau.

Since the program began, SPIE has distributed more than \$7 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.

To view other 2023 scholarship press releases as they become available, please visit the [2023 Scholarship Winners page](#) or learn more about [SPIE scholarships](#) on spie.org.

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