



Press release
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Sukovaty awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Icel Zoe Sukovaty** 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.



Sukovaty is about to begin her master's program in Optics at the [Institute of Optics](#), University of Rochester (USA), where she just finished her Bachelor's in Optical Engineering. As an undergraduate, she researched the metrology of photonic integrated circuits in Professor Thomas G. Brown's laboratory and explored lens design in Professor Julie Bentley's graduate-level classes. Sukovaty's research has helped to develop a method for coupling optical fibers to waveguides of photonic integrated circuits using engineered scattering elements.

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.

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