



Press release

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Ndamati awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Ikechi Theo Ndamati** 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.



Ndamati is a PhD candidate in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Johns Hopkins University (USA) under the supervision of Professor Amy Foster. His research involves the design, fabrication, and measurement of photonic integrated circuit devices. He is currently working on designing efficient multilayer photonic devices as well as exploring nonlinear applications of amorphous silicon photonic devices. "I am passionate about advancing photonics and optics in Africa," said Ndamati. "I create awareness among young Africans

about the field's opportunities, inspiring them to pursue optics and photonics as it can drive technological advancements on the continent. I find myself privileged to be a recipient of the SPIE Optics and Photonic Education scholarship."

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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