



Press release

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## Sulejman awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Shaban Sulejman** 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.



Sulejman is a PhD student at the University of Melbourne's School of Physics and the ARC Centre of Excellence for Transformative Meta-Optical Systems. Under the supervision of Professors Ann Roberts, Kenneth Crozier, Andrey Sukhorukov, and Postdoctoral Research Fellow Lukas Wesemann, he works on developing nanotechnology to image transparent biological samples that can simplify biomedical tests in remote communities. Sulejman has also appreciated and enjoyed strong community engagement through outreach and has been the president of his local SPIE Student Chapter. "Coming from a regional town and having faced difficult circumstances," he said, "this scholarship has a significant impact on my professional and personal life."

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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