



Press release  
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## Alexis Guidi awarded an SPIE Optics and Photonics Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Alexis Guidi** has been awarded a 2024 Optics and Photonics Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for potential contributions to optics, photonics, or a related field.



Guidi is a PhD student in electrical engineering at the University of British Columbia, Canada, under the guidance of **Dr. Jonathan Holzman**. Her research focuses on terahertz spectroscopy and imaging technologies for cellular-scale characterization and cancer detection. Outside of academia, Guidi is a frequent volunteer for events that promote optics and engineering. "SPIE is dedicated to uplifting students, and I am incredibly grateful to be on the receiving end of that," said Guidi. "This scholarship allows me to put all my efforts towards making my own unique research contributions as well as inspiring others to pursue optics."

This month, the Society is awarding \$303,000 in scholarships to 72 outstanding SPIE Student Members, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Successful applicants were evaluated, selected, and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, chaired by **SPIE Senior Member Brian Primeau**.

Since this program began in 1978, SPIE has distributed more than \$7.5 million dollars in individual scholarships. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education as well as to the future generations of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

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