



Press release

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Diana Paulina Moreno Miranda awarded an SPIE Optics and Photonics Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Diana Paulina Moreno Miranda** 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.



Moreno is a second-year master's student in electrical engineering at the University of Guanajuato (Mexico), under the supervision of **Professor Oleksiy Shulika**. Her research area covers optics and photonics as applied to agriculture. Her current research focuses on the early diagnosis of plant diseases and using non-invasive optical characterization and versatile methods of assessment that can be easily utilized in agriculture fields. She has pioneered developing agriphotonics at her university. "I really love nature and my aim is to make agriculture more environmentally friendly," Moreno says.

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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