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Hugo Abel Moreno-Rodríguez awarded an SPIE Optics and Photonics Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Hugo Abel Moreno-Rodríguez** 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-Rodríguez is a graduate student at Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico). His research focuses on developing low-cost educational tools to enhance accessibility for younger students. Notable achievements include his publication on "Low-cost printed holography for the generation of structured light," and his work on a scale-model optics table to demonstrate complex optical phenomena. Moreno-Rodríguez' outreach efforts stem from his endeavors as a teaching assistant, and, under the mentorship of **Benjamín Pérez-Garcia**, he has honed his skills in simulation, optimization, and data

analysis. "This scholarship will enable me to continue advancing the field of optics, ensuring broader access to innovative educational resources," said Moreno-Rodríguez.

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.

To view other 2024 scholarship press releases as they become available, please visit the <u>2024</u> <u>Scholarship Recipients page</u> or learn more about <u>SPIE scholarships</u> on spie.org.

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