SPIE Announces 2009 Scholarship Winners

SPIE is awarding $292,000 in scholarships to 116 outstanding individuals, based on their potential for long-range contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Award-winning applicants were evaluated and selected and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee.

To date, SPIE has distributed over $2.5 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.

2009 Top Scholarship Winners:

The SPIE D.J. Lovell Scholarship is the Society’s most prestigious scholarship. This scholarship is sponsored by SPIE with contributions from Labsphere, Inc.

Chee Loon Tan
Lehigh University

The John Kiel Scholarship was established to honor SPIE founding member, John Kiel, in recognition of his long-standing and significant contributions to the society. This scholarship is sponsored by SPIE and is awarded for student’s potential for long-term contribution to the field of optics and optical engineering.

Miguel A. Bandres
California Institute of Technology

The Laser Technology, Engineering and Applications Scholarship is awarded in recognition of the student’s scholarly achievement in Laser Technology, Engineering, or Applications. Funds are provided in part by a gift from the former Forum for Military Applications of Directed Energy, and in part by SPIE.

Can Bayram
Northwestern University

The Optical Design and Engineering Scholarship was established in memory of Bill Price and Warren Smith, both well-respected members of SPIE’s technical community. This scholarship is awarded to a full-time graduate or undergraduate student in the field of optical design and engineering.

Derek Kopen
The University of Arizona

The BACUS Photomask Scholarship is awarded to a full-time undergraduate or graduate student in the field of microfabrication with an emphasis on optical tooling and/or semiconductor manufacturing technologies. This scholarship is sponsored by BACUS, SPIE’s Photomask International Technical Group.

Volker Sorger
University of California, San Diego

Other 2009 SPIE Scholarship & Grant Recipients by Region:

Africa
Asia
Central/South America
Europe
Middle East
North America
South Pacific