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Zhao awarded an SPIE Scholarship in Optics and Photonics

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – June 25, 2012 – Yanhui Zhao has been awarded a 2012 Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Zhao is a graduate student majoring in Engineering Science and Mechanics at Penn State University. "It is a great honor to accept a 2012 SPIE scholarship in Optics and Photonics. I want to take this chance to thank my advisors Prof. Tony Jun Huang and Prof. Iam-Choon Khoo for their guidance on my research that led to my current achievements, said Zhao. "This scholarship will help me to continue exploring the unknown, interesting phenomena in nanophotonics and their potential applications on solving eminent issues like energy deficiencies and cancer therapy."

SPIE awarded \$350,000 in scholarships to 140 outstanding individuals, 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 volunteer Marta de la Fuente.

To date, SPIE has distributed over \$3.3 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.

SPIE scholarships are open to full- and part-time students studying anywhere in the world. All scholarship applications are judged on their own merit based on the experience and education level of the individual student.

To view photos and descriptions of the Scholarship Recipients go to <http://spie.org/x1737.xml>. Contact scholarships@spie.org if you have any questions. Learn more at <http://spie.org/scholarships>.

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