



Press release

Xu awarded SPIE DJ Lovell Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 20 May 2015 – Daming Xu has been awarded the 2015 DJ Lovell Scholarship in the amount of \$11,000 by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field. This is the Society's largest and most prestigious scholarship and is sponsored by SPIE.



Xu is a PhD student in CREOL, the College of Optics and Photonics, at the University of Central Florida (USA). His research, supervised by Professor Shin-Tson Wu, mainly focused on high-performance liquid crystal devices for next-generation display and photonic applications. He has published one book chapter, 22 journal papers, and 13 international conference papers and filed one US patent. He was the president of Society for Information Display UCF Student Chapter. "Attending conference helps young scientists grow by broadening their horizons and providing them with opportunities to interact with many world-renowned researchers. The resulting collaborations could bear more fruits afterwards. I am extremely grateful to SPIE for its continued support throughout my research career," said Xu. He plans to use the award to attend conferences and to share his passion for optics research and education.

In 2015 SPIE awarded \$353,000 in education and travel scholarships to 126 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 Cristina Solano.

Through 2014, SPIE has distributed over \$4.5 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.

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