



Press release

## Johnson awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – June 15, 2016 – Jami L. Johnson has been awarded a 2016 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for her potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Johnson is a Physics PhD candidate at the University of Auckland (New Zealand). She is studying photoacoustic and laser-ultrasound imaging for biomedical applications with the supervision of Dr. Kasper van Wijk. Johnson's interests include image reconstruction and artifact removal, non-contact acoustic detector development, vasculature imaging, and understanding the fundamentals of wave generation and propagation in tissue. She will use the scholarship to attend a biomedical imaging summer school in Switzerland and to travel to The Netherlands to collaborate with fellow scientists on an imaging project.

In 2016 SPIE awarded \$351,000 in education and travel scholarships to 133 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. An additional \$45,000 in travel scholarships will be awarded later this year.

Through 2015, SPIE has distributed \$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.

To view press releases of the scholarship recipients as they become available go to <http://spie.org/x1737.xml>. Contact [scholarships@spie.org](mailto:scholarships@spie.org) if you have any questions. Learn more at <http://spie.org/scholarships>.

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