Press release

Poole awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLMINGHAM, Washington, USA – 10 June 2014 – Kristin Poole has been awarded a 2014 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.

Poole is a PhD candidate in Biomedical Engineering at Vanderbilt University, where she is advised by Dr. Melissa Skala in the Optical Imaging Lab and Dr. Craig Duvall in the Advanced Therapeutics Lab. Her research focuses on optical imaging methods for evaluating the vascular response to ischemia and the effect of novel therapies in a model of peripheral arterial disease. She has authored/co-authored several journal and conference papers and is actively involved in science outreach activities at Vanderbilt.

In 2014 SPIE awarded $353,000 in education and travel scholarships to 144 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 Kevin Leonard.

To date, SPIE has distributed over $3.5 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.

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.

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