



Press release
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Camille Leclerc awarded an SPIE Optics and Photonics Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Camille Leclerc** has been awarded a 2025 Optics and Photonics Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for potential contributions to optics, photonics, or a related field.



Leclerc is completing his PhD degree in electrical engineering within the **Collier Research Group** at the University of British Columbia – Okanagan. His studies focus on preventing the spread of pharmaceutical pollutants – such as antibiotics – by retrofitting a fluorescence spectroscopy sensor within microfluidic chip technology for onsite sensing. Pharmaceutical pollutants are an emerging concern within agri-food industries and aquatic environments due to their environmental toxicity and creation of antimicrobial resistant pathogens. "I am very grateful and privileged to have received the 2025 Optics and Photonics Scholarship from SPIE," said Leclerc. "This will help with the successful completion of my doctoral degree."

This month, the Society is awarding \$323,000 in scholarships to 74 outstanding SPIE Student Members, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Successful applicants were evaluated, selected, and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, chaired by SPIE Senior Member **Brian Primeau**.

Since this program began in 1978, SPIE has distributed more than \$7.5 million dollars in individual scholarships. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education as well as to the future generations of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

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