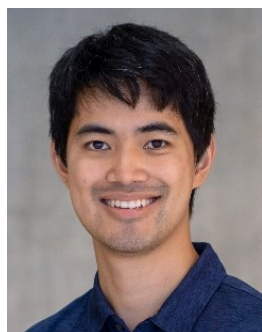




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Jeffrey Chen awarded an SPIE Optics and Photonics Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Jeffrey Chen** 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.



Chen is a PhD student at the University of Arizona's Wyant College of Optical Sciences (USA), advised by Dr. **Yuzuru Takashima**, where he is working on free-space optical communications using phase light modulators. Chen earned a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering from Harvard University and has previously worked in industry, developing the optical systems for three commercial products, including a DNA sequencer at Pacific Biosciences, a 3D printer at Formlabs, and an OCT device at Canon. "I'm deeply grateful to SPIE for this honor and to the exceptional mentors and colleagues who've shaped my journey," said Chen. "This recognition inspires me to keep pushing boundaries in optics and photonics."

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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