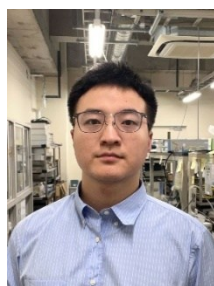




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## Maolin Dai awarded the Laser Technology, Engineering and Applications Scholarship by SPIE

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Maolin Dai** has been awarded the 2025 Laser Technology, Engineering and Applications Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for potential contributions to optics, photonics, or a related field.



Dai is a PhD student in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Systems and Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology at the University of Tokyo, supervised by Professors **Shinji Yamashita** and **Sze Yun Set**. Dai's research focuses on compact ultrafast fiber lasers and their applications. "I'm sincerely grateful to SPIE for this recognition," said Dai. "As a PhD student, it's not always easy to stay confident through the ups and downs of research, and this scholarship gives me great encouragement to keep going." I want to sincerely thank my supervisors and host supervisor, Professor **Lin Xu** at University of Southampton, for their continuous guidance and trust, and my family for their unconditional love and support."

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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