



Press release  
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## Michael Weil awarded an SPIE Optics and Photonics Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Michael Weil** 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.



Weil is pursuing a master's degree in physics at the University of Ottawa. His research focuses on developing programmable approaches to optical-field transformation using volume holography, as well as exploring the advantages of momentum modulation in the context of quantum photonics. "I am incredibly grateful to have received this SPIE scholarship and look forward to continuing my research with its support," said Weil, who will be starting his PhD with **Jeff Lundeen's** quantum photonics group in September. "Photonics research has been deeply fulfilling throughout my studies, and I encourage all new physics students to consider it."

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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