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## Mohammed Zia Jalaludeen awarded an SPIE Optics and Photonics Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA — **Mohammed Zia Jalaludeen** 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.



Jalaludeen is currently a PhD student at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology. “I am immensely excited and honored to receive such a generous scholarship from SPIE, especially as it comes from a non-profit organization devoted to advancing optics and photonics,” said Jalaludeen. “This will greatly support my research in optical cavities for quantum communication. Beyond the financial freedom this scholarship brings, this recognition is a huge boost to continuously contribute towards the field of optics and photonics and to further grow as a responsible researcher. I am extremely thankful for this recognition, and I look forward to contributing to the optics and photonics community through meaningful research, collaboration, and outreach.”

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.

To view other 2025 scholarship press releases as they become available, please visit the [2025 Scholarship Recipients page](#) or learn more about [SPIE scholarships](#) on [spie.org](http://spie.org).

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