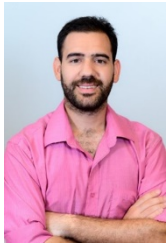




Press release

## Bouloumis awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – 20 May 2021 – **Theodoros Bouloumis** has been awarded a 2021 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, for their potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Bouloumis is a PhD student at the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (Japan). “It is extremely rewarding to see that such a prestigious organization in optics and photonics like SPIE, values not only my research and contribution to the field, but also my efforts to create outreach programs and experiments for the spread of scientific knowledge. It is our duty as scientists to create good and useful technology for humanity and at the same time communicate it effectively to the non-scientists both as a means of information and inspiration for the younger generations. I feel very honored for being awarded this scholarship which will not only be helpful for my studies but also a great boost in my confidence and energy to contribute even more in the field,” said Bouloumis.

In 2021, the Society is awarding \$298,000 in education scholarships to 78 outstanding SPIE student members, based on their potential contribution to optics and photonics, or a related discipline. Award-winning applicants were evaluated, selected and approved by the SPIE Scholarship Committee, Chaired by SPIE volunteer Kate Medicus.

Through 2020, SPIE has distributed over \$6 million dollars in individual scholarships. This ambitious effort reflects the Society's commitment to education and to the next generation of optical scientists and engineers around the world.

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