



Press release

Ndagano awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – July 13, 2016 – Bienvenu Irengé Ndagano has been awarded a 2016 Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship by SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics for his potential contributions to the field of optics, photonics or related field.



Ndagano is a PhD student in the School of Physics at the University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa), working under the supervision of Professor Andrew Forbes from the Structured Light Laboratory. His PhD is centered around classical and quantum communication using structured light. “The spatial structure (mode) of light provides additional degrees of freedom which allows one to pack more information into photons for increased bandwidth,” said Ndagano.

In 2016 SPIE awarded \$351,000 in education and travel scholarships to 133 outstanding individuals, 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 Cristina Solano. An additional \$45,000 in travel scholarships will be awarded later this year.

Through 2015, SPIE has distributed \$5 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.

To view press releases of the scholarship recipients as they become available go to <http://spie.org/x1737.xml>. Contact scholarships@spie.org if you have any questions. Learn more at <http://spie.org/scholarships>.

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