



Press release

## Saha awarded SPIE Optics and Photonics Education Scholarship

BELLINGHAM, Washington, USA – June 13, 2019 – **Soham Saha** has been awarded a 2019 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.



Saha is a PhD student in Electrical Engineering at Purdue University (USA), co-supervised by Prof. Vladimir Shalaev and Prof. Alexandra Boltasseva. His work encompasses dynamically tunable, electrically and optically-controlled waveguides and metasurfaces. He specializes in optical device design and nanofabrication. Saha has over five years of experience in designing low-loss devices employing lithium niobate, titanium nitride, transparent conducting oxides, and noble metals. He serves as a Graduate Ambassador in the Birck Nanotechnology Center at Purdue University. He received several awards including the Purdue ECE Fellowship and the Society of Vacuum Coaters Scholarship and is a member of SPIE, OSA, and IEEE.

The Society awarded \$298,000 in education scholarships to 84 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 Jeremy Bos.

Through 2018, SPIE has distributed \$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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