Newport Corporation Honored for Career-boosting Support for Photonics Students, Professionals

Financial support from Newport Corporation for students was recognized with an award from SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, at SPIE Optics and Photonics in San Diego. Newport has funded student travel grants since 2004 and SPIE career enhancement programs for young professionals and entrepreneurs for many years.

Bellingham, WA (PRWEB) October 30, 2013 -- Ongoing generous support on the part of Newport Corporation for students, early-career entrepreneurs, and women professionals in optics and photonics was honored with an award from SPIE, the international society for optics and photonics, at a recent event sponsored by the society.

“Over the last decade, Newport Corporation has contributed more than $130,000 in travel funding for student authors to attend SPIE conferences,” noted SPIE President Bill Arnold in recognizing the company with a special award at SPIE Optics and Photonics in San Diego this summer.

The Newport Research Excellence Travel Awards Program has supported travel to SPIE conferences for numerous students from around the world over the past decade, enabling them to present their research to international audiences, Arnold said.

“For more than 40 years Newport has been a strong supporter of the photonics research community,” said Newport Corporation Vice President Jim Fisher. “At the heart of this community are the students who are advancing the field with their new ideas, perspectives, and passion. We are honored to continue to support their work by sponsoring these young innovators to join the many technology experts at important conferences like SPIE Photonics West and SPIE Optics and Photonics to present their research findings, learn about the latest advancements in photonics, and make industry connections that can benefit them in their future endeavors.”

Applications for the next round of grants is 25 November. More information about the Newport Research Excellence Awards is available at www.spie.org/x27619.xml.

In addition to funding the travel grants program, Newport has been a sponsor of the BioPhotonics Start-Up Challenge at SPIE Photonics West, the Optics Outreach Games at SPIE Optics and Photonics, and the Women in Optics planner published annually by SPIE to celebrate achievements of women in the field.

The Newport Research Excellence Travel Awards Program was launched in 2004, and annually provides $15,000 to enable university researchers to travel and present their work at either SPIE Photonics West early in the year or SPIE Optics and Photonics in August, both top international meetings in their fields.

Newport Corporation produces advanced technology products and solutions for research, life, and health sciences, aerospace and defense, industrial manufacturing, semiconductors, and microelectronics.

Travel award winners in 2013 included:

SPIE Optics and Photonics
• Tarig Algadey, University of Dayton
• Lucie Devys, École Polytechnique
• Christopher Eng, Stony Brook University
• Ronan Havelin, National University of Ireland Galway
• Xiaoli Jin, Beijing Institute of Technology
• Heather Lemire, Case Western Reserve University
• Eran Maimon, Tel Aviv University
• Martin Rodriguez Rodriguez, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
• Yaoguang Rong, Huazhong University of Science and Technology
• Stephen Swinotek, Pennsylvania State University
• Chen Wang, Northwestern University
• Honglie Xu, School of Electronic and Optical Engineering
• Ku Zhiliang, Huazhong University of Science and Technology.

SPIE Photonics West
• Isinsu Baylam, Koç University
• Kiran Bhattacharyya, University of Missouri
• Sandrine Filion Côté, McGill University
• Christopher Head, University of Southampton
• Derek Heeger, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
• Swarnapali Indrasekara, Rutgers University
• Kelsey Kennedy, University of Western Australia
• Hamdam Nikkhah, University of Ottawa
• Lucas Paluchowski, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
• Lorenzo Romeo, NEST -- Scuola Normale Superiore
• Chaotan Sima, University of Southampton
• Jason Tucker-Schwartz, Vanderbilt University
• Adam Tuer, University of Toronto
• Shota Ushiba, Osaka University
• Atena Zahedi, University of California, Riverside
• Xingwang Zhang, Fudan University.

About SPIE

SPIE is the international society for optics and photonics, a not-for-profit organization founded in 1955 to advance light-based technologies. The Society serves nearly 235,000 constituents from approximately 155 countries, offering conferences, continuing education, books, journals, and a digital library in support of interdisciplinary information exchange, professional networking, and patent precedent. SPIE provided over $3.2 million in support of education and outreach programs in 2012.
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