

# SPIE ENDOWMENT MATCHING PROGRAM

SPIE has launched a ground-breaking program offering endowment funding to expand educational opportunities in optics and photonics, or other disciplines allied to SPIE's mission. SPIE will disburse up to \$2.5 million in support of endowment matching over the next five years, typically for a named faculty position, chair, or scholarship needs.

Annually SPIE provides over \$4 million in community support including scholarships and awards, outreach and advocacy programs, travel grants, public policy, and educational resources. The new endowment matching campaign is in addition to SPIE's existing programs, broadening its support of the greater photonics community, specifically by growing the number of students graduating with degrees in optics or photonics.

## CRITERIA FOR EACH SEPARATE ENDOWMENT:

- Endowments must be matched one-to-one (or more substantially) from other sources.
- Each endowment may be funded up to a maximum of \$500,000 from SPIE funds.
- Funds will be managed by the benefitting institution to preserve the principal of the donation in perpetuity or for a negotiated long-term timeframe.
- SPIE obtains naming rights for the endowed activity.
- The benefitting institution must have a recognized optics/photonics degree-granting program, or the equivalent for other disciplines allied to SPIE's mission.
- The benefitting institution must have an appropriate administrative structure to manage endowments.

For more information about the SPIE Endowment Matching Program and how your College or University may participate, please contact:

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"SPIE's leadership and commitment is helping to scale-up the college with this new endowed faculty position, leading to more teaching, more research, and more students, enabling us to provide more expertise to the world... This is a critical and welcome investment in our faculty and students, and Jim Wyant's generosity and vision transforms the SPIE \$500,000 contribution into a \$2,000,000 endowment."

**Thomas Koch,** Dean of the James C. Wyant College of Optical Sciences  
at the University of Arizona,  
Inaugural Recipient of the SPIE Endowment Matching Program