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## **AFCCE and IEEE BTS Announce Spring 2017 Scholarship Recipients**

***Ten Students at Nine U.S. Universities Receive Awards Totaling Over \$32,000***

**December 1, 2016** — The Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers (AFCCE) and the IEEE Broadcast Technology Society (BTS) announced the award of ten scholarships to students interested in telecommunications. Scholarship amounts ranged from \$750 to \$10,000. The Spring 2017 scholarship recipients were:

Shane Cyr	University of Maine
Martin Doczkat	The George Washington University
Dhantha Gunarathna	Drexel University
Mohammad Islam	University of Missouri
Elaine Khuu	Virginia Tech
Abdullah Njie	Georgia Tech
Prosanta Paul	Old Dominion University
William Shifflett	Oklahoma State University
Tyler Turcotte	University of Massachusetts
Rafida Zaman	University of Missouri

Martin Doczkat and William Shifflett were the first recipients of the IEEE Broadcast Technology Society/AFCCE Jules Cohen Memorial Scholarships, a new program that awards scholarships of up to \$10,000 to promising undergraduate or graduate students studying at accredited U.S. universities, who are planning to pursue a career in broadcast engineering. Shane Cyr was the recipient of the E. Noel Luddy Scholarship, sponsored by Dielectric Communications (Raymond, Maine).

“The Broadcast Technology Society it thrilled that the inaugural Jules Cohen scholarships are being awarded to two such deserving students. We look forward to honoring the memory and work of Jules Cohen by helping develop the students that will lead the evolution of broadcasting into the future.” said Bill Hayes, president, IEEE BTS.

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“AFCCE is committed to helping develop engineering talent in radio frequency technologies, including antennas, propagation, transmission, and spectrum management. These scholarships represent our largest ever award to promising students whom we hope will help shape the future of telecommunications,” said Bob Weller, president of AFCCE.

AFCCE has awarded scholarships for over 30 years to both undergraduate and graduate students, based on qualifications, financial need, and number of qualified applicants. Applicants must be enrolled in an engineering or related technical curriculum at an accredited U.S. university and demonstrate a good academic record, and undergraduates must have junior or senior standing.

Evaluated by an AFCCE scholarship committee including IEEE BTS members, Jules Cohen Memorial Scholarship applicants are ranked based on their explicit interest in broadcast engineering as expressed in a personal statement, their academic record, financial need, and relevant extracurricular activities. Applicants for other AFCCE scholarships have slightly different requirements. Applications for Fall 2017 semester will be accepted beginning March 1, 2017 until April. 30, 2017.

More information about the AFCCE Scholarships (including the Jules Cohen Memorial Scholarship) is available at <https://afcce.org/scholarships> . Additional information about the IEEE BTS is available at <http://bts.ieee.org/awards> .

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#### **About IEEE BTS**

The IEEE Broadcast Technology Society (BTS) is a technical society and council dedicated toward advancing electrical and electronic engineering by maintaining scientific and technical standards as well as educating its members through various meetings, presentations, events, conferences, and training programs. IEEE BTS has more than 2,000 members and chapters worldwide and has its own business office located in Piscataway, New Jersey. Connect with BTS on Twitter @IEEEBTSociety, Facebook and Linked-In.

#### **About Association of Federal Communications Consulting Engineers (AFCCE)**

AFCCE was founded in 1948 as a professional association of communications engineers practicing before the FCC. The purpose of the Association is to aid and promote the proper federal administration and regulation of those engineering and technical phases of communications, which are regulated by the FCC. In its primary function, the AFCCE monitors the technical policy of the FCC to ensure that the agency's regulations coincide as closely as possible with sound engineering principles. Connect with AFCCE on Twitter @AFCCE, Facebook, and Linked-In.

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