ATTENTION North American FACULTY AND STUDENTS!

APOMA will sponsor TRAVEL GRANTS and OUTSTANDING STUDENT POSTER awards at SPIE Optifab 2019, to be held October 14-17, 2019 in Rochester, NY.

The travel grants are intended to encourage student participation at OPTIFAB 2019 while providing first hand exposure to technical and manufacturing issues important to the optics industry. The grants may be used to defer costs associated with transportation, registration or housing. Guidelines and eligibility are given below. Up to eight $250 travel grants will be awarded to students presenting posters at the OPTIFAB meeting, with a maximum of two awards per institution.

In addition, APOMA will award three prizes for Outstanding Student Posters ($1000 for first, $750 for second and $500 for third-best poster). The APOMA awards will be made at the conference. Posters will be judged by APOMA industry representatives.

Student applicants must provide the documentation described below, including abstract and a signed proof of current student (undergraduate or graduate) status signed by their advisor.

**Deadlines:**
Applications for OPTIFAB CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS are due no later than September 1, 2019. Travel award notifications will be made by September 10, 2019. Applicants are requested to email information within one email that contains all appropriate documentation. PLEASE INDICATE: APOMA TRAVEL GRANTS IN THE SUBJECT LINE. E-mail to: apoma.org@gmail.com

**Award Guidelines:**
Students must be enrolled full time in an undergraduate or graduate program. Associate degree students must be registered full time in an accredited Optical Manufacturing curriculum. Signature of the advisor verifying this fact is required. Preference will be given to those students presenting an oral or poster presentation of their work. Eligible topics most closely related to the goals of APOMA and APOMA-member companies will be considered most favorably. A copy of the submitted abstract (accepted for presentation at the conference) is required. A maximum of two awards per institution will be made.

**Application materials to be submitted via e-mail:**
Student name, address, phone number and email
North American University, major, Advisor’s name
Graduate/undergraduate standing with advisor’s signature including validation of full-time status
Title and Abstract of presentation
E-mail all application materials to: apoma.org@gmail.com with APOMA Travel Grants as the subject.