

**National Spectrum Consortium Awards Inaugural Women in Spectrum Scholarship**  
*Four awards given at the 2022 IEEE Military Communications Conference to engineering students from four universities*

ROCKVILLE, MD -- The [National Spectrum Consortium](#) awarded its inaugural *Women in Spectrum Scholarship* to four engineering students from the Rochester Institute of Technology, Columbia University, Brigham Young University and Florida Atlantic University today at the 2022 [IEEE Military Communications Conference \(MILCOM\)](#).

The Women in Spectrum Scholarship promotes the academic accomplishments of female students studying engineering degrees at U.S. ABET-accredited universities. The winners are:

- **Alison Gagne**, Undergraduate Student in Electrical Engineering, Rochester Institute of Technology
- **Jiayu (Leoni) Lu**, Graduate Student with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, Columbia University
- **Kayla Lyman**, Undergraduate Student in Electrical Engineering, Brigham Young University
- **Sanaz Naderi**, Ph.D. Candidate in Electrical Engineering, Florida Atlantic University

“The NSC is proud to support female engineers who are committed to academic excellence and leadership on their campus,” said NSC Executive Committee Member Sheryl Genco. “We designed this program to help develop the pipeline of talented women engineers working on issues related to spectrum and communications. We’re looking forward to establishing these scholarship awards as a core part of NSC’s mission for years to come.”

In recent years, the technology ecosystem has promoted women in technology with an emphasis on mentoring early career women, and these four women exemplify the best that the current generation of electrical engineers has to offer. They are continuing in the tradition of female innovators and leaders who have been at the forefront of advocacy for decades. In conjunction with this award scholarship and to showcase the women who have come before, IEEE MILCOM 2022 features an all-female panel of CTOs and Distinguished Engineers to discuss innovations in networks. The women on this panel represent more than 150 years of combined engineering experience.

Each recipient received a \$1,500 scholarship prize from NSC and a travel stipend to attend this year’s MILCOM conference. Scholarship applications were reviewed by NSC Executive Committee members Dr. Sheryl Genco, Prof Erik Perrins, Dr. Christine Zhang and NSC Executive Director Joe Kochan.

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**About the National Spectrum Consortium**

The NSC's mission is to build bridges between key stakeholder groups -- government and industry; industry stalwarts and startups; and civilian and military suppliers and users -- to deliver two essential outcomes: breakthroughs in spectrum- and spectrum-using capabilities; and policy and regulatory insights to enhance, inform and sustain U.S. technical leadership. For more information, visit [www.nationalspectrumconsortium.org](http://www.nationalspectrumconsortium.org).

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