

# The Professor Silverio Almeida Scholarship

Dr. Silverio Pedro Almeida

Silverio Almeida was born in Hudson, MA on July 27, 1933. He attended Clark University for his undergraduate education, Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a Masters in Physics, and Cambridge University in Cambridge, England where he earned a Ph.D in Physics. He was a post-doctoral researcher at the CERN Laboratories in Switzerland. He was internationally recognized for his research and teachings in particle physics and optics, serving on subcommittees for NATO and receiving numerous awards and recognition from his peers.

Dr. Almeida was an accomplished educator and leader. He was a professor of Physics for 21 years at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. He was appointed Chairman of the Physics Department at UNC Charlotte in 1989, where he served for 9 years. During his tenure, he developed the optics research program, in addition to many other achievements. In addition, Dr. Almeida served as Interim Chair of the Physics Department at the College of Charleston.

The Professor Silverio Almeida Scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding junior or senior physics major. The student must have completed a minimum of 14 hours in physics and be currently enrolled as a full time student. The award will be based on merit as indicated by the student's overall GPA, physics GPA, and participation in Departmental activities.