

# AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CHINESE IN TOXICOLOGY



## AACT A Special Interest Group of SOT (SOT-SIG)



### AACT Mission

The objectives of AACT are:

- 1) To foster interactions among professionals of Chinese background and/or ethnicity in toxicological or related sciences through the exchange of information in education, technology, employment, or business opportunities;
- 2) To facilitate collaborative activities in toxicology-related research or projects between Chinese scientists or organizations in the U.S. and abroad;
- 3) To promote the participation of scientists of any ethnical background who share the same common interests in toxicology and related fields.

AACT members share the vision: creating an organization that connects scientists with Chinese ethnic background in the toxicology and related fields.

### AACT Membership

AACT was established in 2004 and joined the Society of Toxicology Special Interest Groups (SOT-SIG) in 2007. The AACT is a product of the merger between the American Chinese Toxicology Society (ACTS, est. 1984) and American Chinese Society of Toxicology (ACSOT, est. 1995).

We currently have 200+ members. Our membership is multidisciplinary and drawn from academia, industry, and government.

### How To Join?

Free for postdoctoral and student SOT members (first SIG only) and \$15 for each additional.



(Scan to download application form)

For non-SOT members: you can still become an AACT member but will receive limited membership privileges.

### 2023 Sponsors



### AACT Award Information

- ❑ **WestChina-Frontier PharmaTech Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Award of AACT:** This Award is to honor an established toxicologist of Chinese ethnic origin who is preferably a member of the AACT. The awardee will be chosen by the AACT Award Committee as someone who is deemed to have contributed significantly to the science of toxicology and is exemplary in his/her professional life.
- ❑ **JOINN Biomere Outstanding Young Toxicologist Award of AACT:** The Outstanding Young Toxicologist Award is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the toxicology field in the early stage of their career in academia, industry, or government.
- ❑ **Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award of AACT:** The Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award Fund was established with an initial generous gift from Dr. Frank C. Lu in memory of his wife, Jean Lu. The fund was created to provide a scholarship each year to a Chinese student who is interested in graduate toxicology training. Criteria include scholastic achievement, demonstration of leadership, relevance of thesis to toxicology, and letters of recommendation. Two awards will be given each year. Each recipient will be awarded a plaque and cash stipend.
- ❑ **InnoStar Best Abstract Awards of AACT:** AACT offers student awards each year for presentations made at the SOT Annual Meeting.
- ❑ **SAFE Best Publication Award of AACT:** This new Award is created to recognize the best research article published over the preceding year.
- ❑ For more details, please check the AACT website : <https://www.toxicology.org/groups/sig/aact/criteria.asp>

### 2022 AACT Award Recipients

#### WestChina-Frontier PharmaTech Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Award



**Donna Zhang, PhD**  
University of Arizona



**Lisa Truong, PhD, MBA**  
Oregon State University



**Shuo Xiao, PhD**  
Rutgers University



**Shan Liu**  
University of Pennsylvania



**Lei Zhang**  
Texas A&M University



**Yunqi An**  
Rutgers University

#### SAFE Best Publication Award



**Xuelian Jia**  
Rowan University



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Luke L. Liu**  
Purdue University



**1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Zhenning Yang**  
Rutgers university



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Jing Zheng, PhD**  
University of Calgary

#### InnoStar Best Abstracts Award Winners

### AACT Supported Scientific Session 2023 SOT

Safety Assessment Approaches for Stem Cell Therapy

Wed, Mar 22

Karl Dean Ballroom C1, Music

1:30pm - 4:15pm (Central)

City Center

Chair: William Slikker, Retired

Co-Chair: James Kang, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Primary Endorser: Stem Cells Specialty Section

Endorser(s): American Association of Chinese in Toxicology

Endorser(s): Scientific Liaison Coalition

### AACT Officers

	<b>2022-2023</b>
<b>President:</b>	Xi Yang
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<b>Councilor:</b>	Zhenquan Jia
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<b>Student Rep:</b>	Yunqi An

### Mentor-Mentee Program

The objective of this program is to provide a service that matches mentees with potential mentors from the SOT membership to provide advice on career path selection and success and life/work balance issues. This program will be an excellent platform for graduate students, postdocs, and junior scientists to find the mentors who will help identifying career paths, enhancing career potential, and/or transitioning into new jobs. Our mentors will also have the opportunity to give back to the professional community, become a great leader, develop new skills, and expand the networks <https://toxchange.toxicology.org/mentoring>.