



AACT Mission & Vision

Our Missions:

- 1) To foster professional interactions among scientists of Chinese background in toxicology and related sciences through the exchange of knowledge in education, technology, career development, and collaboration;
- 2) To facilitate collaborative research and scientific activities between Chinese scientists and organizations in the U.S. and abroad;
- 3) To promote inclusive participation of scientists of all ethnic backgrounds who share common interests in toxicology and related fields.

Our Vision:

AACT connects scientists of Chinese ethnic background in toxicology and related disciplines and serves as a bridge to advance toxicological science and collaborations between the Eastern and Western worlds.

AACT History

AACT was established in 2004 and became a Society of Toxicology Special Interest Group (SOT-SIG) in 2007. AACT was formed through the merger of the American Chinese Toxicology Society (ACTS, established in 1984) and the American Chinese Society of Toxicology (ACSOT, established in 1995). AACT currently has 176 members with a multidisciplinary composition, representing professionals from academia, industry, and government.

How To Join?

Membership is free for postdoctoral fellows and student SOT members (for their first SIG only). The annual membership fee for SOT full members is \$20. Non-SOT members are also welcome to join; however, membership privileges will be limited.

The AACT application form is available at:

<https://www.toxicology.org/groups/sig/aact/join.asp>



2026 Sponsors

AACT Award Information

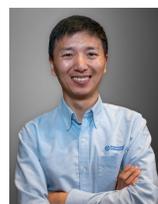
AACT awards recognize and honor members for their outstanding achievement and contribution in the field of toxicology. Award recipients are formally acknowledged at the AACT Business Meeting during the SOT Annual Meeting.

- ❑ **Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Award:** Honors an established toxicologist of Chinese ethnic origin, preferably a member of AACT, who has made significant scientific contributions to toxicology and demonstrated exemplary professional leadership.
- ❑ **JOINN Biomere Outstanding Young Toxicologist Award:** Recognizes an early career stage toxicologist of Chinese ethnic origin, who has made notable contributions to toxicology in academia, industry, or government.
- ❑ **Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award:** Established through a generous gift from Dr. Frank C. Lu, in memory of his wife, Jean Lu, this scholarship supports Chinese graduate students pursuing training in toxicology. Selection criteria include academic achievement, leadership potential, relevance of thesis research to toxicology, and letters of recommendation. Award recipient receives a plaque and a cash stipend.
- ❑ **Best Abstract Award:** Presented annually to graduate student or postdoctoral fellows for outstanding scientific presentations at the SOT Annual Meeting.
- ❑ **Best Publication Award:** Recognizes members who have published exceptional peer-reviewed research articles as first or corresponding authors.

For details, please visit: <https://www.toxicology.org/groups/sig/aact/criteria.asp>

2026 AACT Award Recipients & Member Highlight

JOINN Biomere Outstanding Young Toxicologist Award



Xiaojia He, PhD

UL Research Institutes' Chemical Insights

Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award



Zhicheng Zhang

University of Florida



Tiffany Tsui

Texas A&M University

Best Publication Award



Yanhong Wei, PhD

Sun Yat-sen University

Best Abstract Award

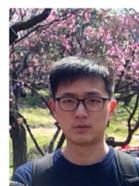


1st Place

Yuan-Teng Chang

University Of Georgia

3572: Poster Board - K725



2nd Place

Tong Wang, PhD

Tulane University

4367: Poster Board - A120



3rd Place

Chloe Chou

UNC-Chapel Hill

3506: Poster Board - J658

Member Highlight



Lu Cai, MD, PhD

University of Louisville School of Medicine



Hangyu, Wu

University of Connecticut

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AACT Career workshop

Empowering Toxicologists at Every Career Stage

AACT hosts annual Career Workshop to empower toxicologists at every career stage, from graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to early- and mid-career professionals. This workshop reflects AACT's mission of supporting the next generation of toxicologists. Whether you are exploring career options, planning a transition, or seeking to expand your professional network, this is your opportunity to learn, connect, and grow.

What you'll gain:

- Expert guidance on leadership and career advancement strategies
- Global career insights across government, industry, and academia
- Meaningful connections with experienced mentors
- Broader perspectives on diverse career paths and opportunities

This year, 16 volunteer mentors from academia, industry, and government will be available to provide personalized advice and share insights from their professional journeys. Stop by to connect, engage in conversation, and take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

Time: 5:00-6:00 PM, March 23rd, 2026

Location: Marriott Marquis Grand Ballroom 5 in San Diego, CA

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AACT maintains active LinkedIn and WeChat group platforms that allow AACT members and non-members to connect and exchange information, including workshops, webinars, job postings, and recruitment opportunities. Please contact AACT officers for instructions on how to join.



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