

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, and bridges the toxicological sciences between the Eastern and the Western world.

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 250+ members. Our membership is multidisciplinary and drawn from academia, industry, and government.

How To Join?

If your background is of Chinese ethnicity or you have a similar interest, register on-line at the SOT website.

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

For non-SOT members: you can still become an AACT member, but will receive limited membership privileges. Application form is available at:

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



(Scan to download application form)

AACT Award Information

AACT awards provide honors and recognition for all the members through acknowledgment at the SOT Annual Meeting. The awards honor members' outstanding achievements in the career, which are judged based on different criteria by award committee.

- **Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Award:** 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.
- **Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award:** The Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award Fund was established with an initial generous gift from Dr. Frank C. Lu, a Charter member of the SOT, in memory of his wife, Jean Lu. The fund was created to provide a lump sum scholarship each year to a Chinese student who is interested in graduate training in toxicology. This SOT Named Endowment Fund is aligned with the American Association of Chinese in Toxicology, an SOT Special Interest Group. The Award Committee's evaluation is based exclusively on scholastic achievement, demonstration of leadership, relevance of thesis to toxicology, and letters of recommendation.
- **AACT and InnoStar Best Abstract Awards:** AACT offers student awards each year for presentations made at the SOT Annual Meeting. Three awards are given each year, with a plaque and monetary award for each.

Please check the detail information on the website:
<https://www.toxicology.org/groups/sig/aact/criteria.asp>

2020 and 2021 AACT Award Recipients

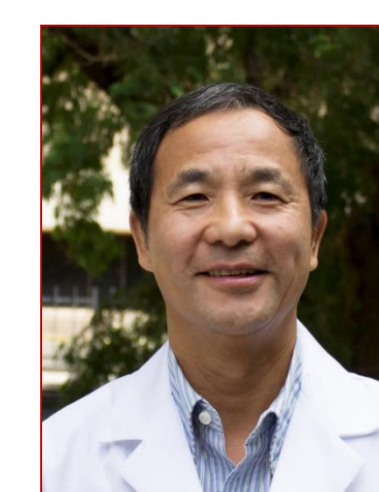
2020

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Distinguished Chinese Toxicologist Lectureship Award



Lu Cai, MD, PhD
Professor, Director of Pediatric Research Institute, University of Louisville School of Medicine

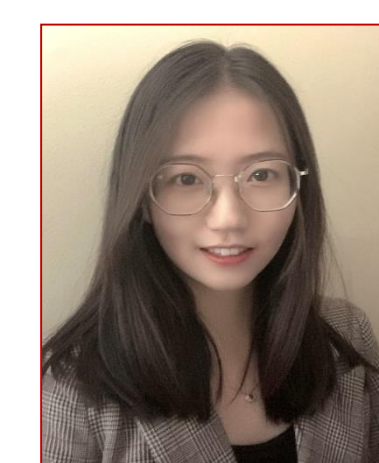


Ke Jian "Jim" Liu, PhD
University Distinguished Professor Associate
Dean for Research
College of Pharmacy, University of New Mexico

Jean Lu Student Scholarship Award

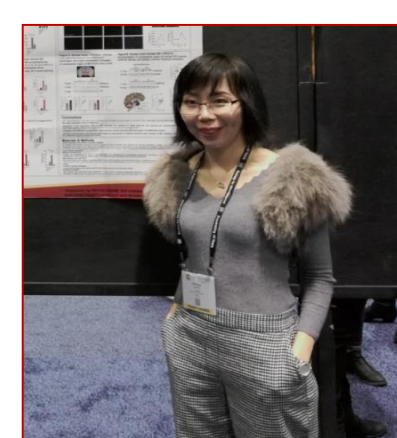


Liang Chi
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Shengjie Xu, BS
Rutgers University

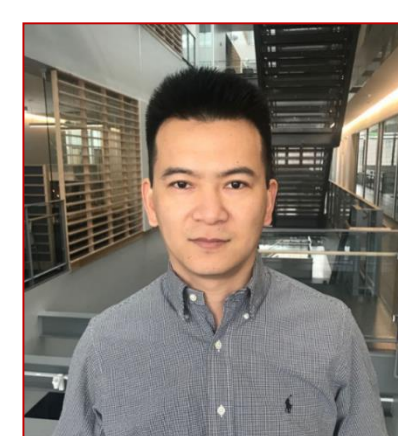
Best Abstracts Award Winners



1st Place
Minhong Huang
Iowa State University



1st Place
Qian Lin
University of Louisville



2nd Place
Yong Pu, PhD
Michigan State University



3rd Place
Zunwei Chen
Texas A&M University



2nd Place
Gabriel Tao
University of Houston



3rd Place
Wei-Chun Chou, PhD
Kansas State University

AACT Delegation To CSOT Meeting

In September 2019, AACT Executive Board attended **9th National Toxicology Congress of the Chinese Society of Toxicology** in Taiyuan, Shanxi. During the conference, we networked with the toxicologists in China, and exchanged scientific advancement in the toxicology field.

Besides attending the CSOT conference, we also hosted an outreach event for potential future toxicologists by providing a half-day workshop at School of Pharmacy and School of Public Health in Shanxi Medical University. We presented topics on overview of toxicology and career perspectives; pharmaceutical development and its future; as well as chemical risk control and safety evaluation.

The delegation members also shared their experiences on how to apply for China national funding to study abroad and resources of graduate schools with toxicology programs in the US, etc. Students and faculty showed great interest and sincerely appreciated outreach effort from our delegation.



AACT Officers

	2020-2021	2021-2022
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AACT 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>.