



USCACA/ASFC Youth Scholar and ASCO Travel Awards Ceremony Report (2025)

The U.S. Chinese Anti-Cancer Association (USCACA) held its **2025 Annual Awards Ceremonies** in Chicago to honor outstanding young Chinese cancer researchers for their contributions to basic, translational, and clinical cancer research. The events took place during two major occasions: the **2025 ACACR/USCACA Joint Annual Meeting** on April 26 and The **Chicago 2025 China Summit** during the **2025 ASCO Annual Meeting** on June 1.

USCACA-AFCR 2024 Youth Scholar Awards (April 26, 2025)



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2025 Joint Annual Meeting of ACACR and USCACA

1:00 – 8:00 pm, Saturday, April 26, 2025

**BSLC Auditorium 109 and BSLC Main Lobby
924 E 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637
The University of Chicago Medical Center
Chicago, IL 60637**

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The USCACA-AFCR Youth Scholar Awards, co-sponsored by the Asia Fund for Cancer Research (AFCR), aim to recognize early-career Chinese investigators making significant progress in cancer research. Since the award's establishment in 2010, **45 young scholars** have been honored (excluding the years 2020–2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic). The 2024 awardees were selected based on their outstanding achievements in translational and clinical oncology.

2024 Youth Scholar Award Recipients:

- **Dr. Zhen Chen**, Emory University
- **Dr. Wei Yan**, Wuhan University
- **Dr. Lin Wang**, Zhengzhou University
- **Dr. Yue Sheng**, Central South University
- **Dr. Shang Su**, Louisiana State University



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Faculty in USA

Faculty in China

The awards ceremony was jointly chaired by members of the USCACA Executive Committee, including **Shi-Yong Sun, Shiyuan Cheng, Li Yan, Bolin Liu, Huadong Pei, Hui Zhang, and Xuefeng Liu**. The association sincerely thanks all nominators, letter writers, and partnering institutions for their continued support.

USCACA-ASCO 2025 Travel Awards (June 1, 2025)



In addition to the Youth Scholar Awards, USCACA has also launched the **Travel Awards Program** to support young Chinese investigators whose abstracts are selected for oral presentation at the ASCO Annual Meetings. Each recipient receives a \$1,000 travel stipend to facilitate attendance and international academic exchange.

2025 ASCO Travel Award Recipients:

- **Dr. Haoxin Peng**, Peking University Cancer Hospital and Institute
- **Dr. Panpan Zhang**, Peking University Cancer Hospital and Institute



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彭浩欣
Haoxin Peng
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This year's Travel Award Ceremony was co-chaired by USCACA Executive Committee members **Li Yan** and **Jason Huang**. The association applauds the recipients for showcasing the excellence of Chinese oncology research on a global stage.

About USCACA

Founded in 2009 at the AACR Annual Meeting, the **U.S. Chinese Anti-Cancer Association (USCACA)** is a non-profit organization committed to promoting collaboration between the U.S. and China in cancer research, prevention, and treatment. The organization has over 1,000 members from academia, industry, and regulatory agencies. It has established partnerships with leading global institutions, including the **Chinese Anti-Cancer Association (CACA)**, **Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology (CSCO)**, **ASCO**, **AACR**, and **AFCR**.

Looking Ahead

USCACA remains steadfast in its mission to **foster U.S.–China collaboration, support young investigators, and advance global cancer control**. Through these awards and forums, the organization continues to build a robust platform for scientific exchange and talent development.

To learn more or to join USCACA, please visit: <http://www.uscaca.org>

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