



2026 USCACA-AFCR Scholar Awards Honor Outstanding Young Cancer Researchers in China

Shanghai, China (August 7–9, 2026). The United States Chinese Anti-Cancer Association (USCACA) and the Asian Fund for Cancer Research (AFCR) jointly presented the 2026 USCACA–AFCR Scholar Awards to four outstanding young investigators in China during the 2026 Annual Conference on Innovation in Comprehensive Oncology Care held in Shanghai.

The USCACA–AFCR Scholar Awards recognize promising young scientists and physician-scientists who have demonstrated excellence in cancer research and strong potential to become future leaders in oncology. The program also seeks to promote international scientific exchange and foster long-term collaborations among cancer researchers in China, the United States, and around the world.

This year, four China-based investigators were selected as 2026 USCACA–AFCR Scholar Award recipients:



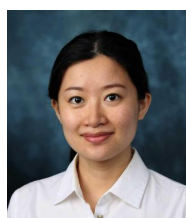
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Dr. Yu Zhang, Associate Research Fellow, Department of Pediatric Oncology, Sun Yat-sen University Cancer Center. Dr. Zhang is engaged in pediatric oncology research, with an emphasis on improving the understanding and treatment of childhood cancers through translational and clinical investigation.

Dr. Xiaodi Zhao, Associate Professor and Deputy Chief Physician, Xijing Hospital of the Fourth Military Medical University. As a physician-scientist, Dr. Zhao combines

clinical oncology with laboratory research to investigate the molecular mechanisms underlying cancer development and therapeutic response.

Dr. Lin Qi, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Medicine, Guilin Medical University. Dr. Qi is an emerging biomedical investigator whose research and academic accomplishments demonstrate the potential to contribute to advances in cancer biology and translational medicine.

Dr. Rongzhong Xu, Attending Physician, Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Dr. Xu's work integrates clinical oncology with translational research, including studies aimed at identifying new therapeutic strategies and improving treatment outcomes for patients with cancer.

At the Shanghai award ceremony, each scholar received a US\$1,000 award and a certificate of recognition from USCACA and AFCR.

The ceremony was held as part of the 2026 Annual Conference on Innovation in Comprehensive Oncology Care, which brought together cancer researchers, clinicians, and scientific leaders to discuss advances in cancer biology, immunology, precision medicine, and innovative cancer therapies. The presentation of the USCACA–AFCR Scholar Awards was an important component of the conference's commitment to supporting young investigators and encouraging the translation of scientific discoveries into improved cancer care.



Investing in the Next Generation of Cancer Researchers

Developing the next generation of cancer researchers has long been an important mission of USCACA. Through its partnership with AFCR, the Scholar Award program provides talented early-career investigators with recognition, encouragement, and opportunities to engage with an international network of cancer researchers.

The program is particularly focused on connecting young scientists across geographic and disciplinary boundaries. By recognizing promising investigators at an early stage of their careers, USCACA and AFCR aim to stimulate innovative research, facilitate international collaborations, and accelerate discoveries that can ultimately benefit cancer patients.

The four scholars honored in Shanghai represent the China-based recipients of the 2026 USCACA–AFCR Scholar Awards. Other 2026 awardees based in the United States will be recognized at the 2027 USCACA annual meeting.

USCACA and AFCR congratulate Dr. Yu Zhang, Dr. Xiaodi Zhao, Dr. Lin Qi, and Dr. Rongzhong Xu on this well-deserved recognition and look forward to their continued contributions to cancer research and patient care.

Congratulations to all the 2026 USCACA–AFCR Scholar Award recipients!