



Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the winner of the *Foods* 2021 Young Investigator Award is Dr. Guodong Zhang.

2021 YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD WINNER

Dr. Guodong Zhang is an Associate Professor of the Department of Food Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, USA. Dr. Guodong Zhang's major research focus is on foods for health and wellness with an emphasis on the roles of bioactive lipids in colonic inflammation and colon cancer. Dr. Guodong Zhang received his PhD in 2010 (born in 1982) and has an outstanding publication record, comprising 73 publications in peer-reviewed international journals and 4 international patents. Dr. Guodong Zhang's Scopus Scientific Citations number is 1822 and his Hirsch index is 24. He is clearly a rising star in the field of food science and technology. As a single applicant, Dr. Guodong Zhang has secured funding of more than 1.7 million USD as a principal investigator (PI) and more than 5.1 million USD as a co-PI. This is an outstanding achievement in today's competitive environment. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Guodong Zhang for his outstanding achievements.

As the awardee, Dr. Guodong Zhang will receive an honorarium of 2000 CHF, an offer to publish a paper free of charge in *Foods* after peer review within two years, and an engraved plaque.

We would like to thank all the nominators from various fields of study for their participation and all the Award Committee Members for their evaluation of the many excellent nominations.

Prof. Dr. Christopher John Smith
Editor-in-Chief, *Foods*