

# RAY WU MEMORIAL FUND

## Our Purpose

The **Ray Wu Memorial Fund (RWMF)** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to carry on Dr. Ray Wu's legacy of supporting young scientists in life sciences, with the following objectives:

*(a)* to promote, augment and improve life science research and education activities by Chinese scientists and trainees;

*(b)* to provide financial resources for life science research and education activities by Chinese scientists and trainees;

*(c)* to recognize contributions by Chinese scientists and trainees in life science research and education;

*(d)* otherwise to engage in any lawful act and activity consistent with the foregoing for which funds may be formed according to the laws of the State of Alabama and the United States of America.

## Ray Wu Prize

The **Ray Wu Prize** recognizes excellence in life science research by a graduate student for innovation, independent thinking, and dedication. Ray Wu Prize is awarded each year to graduate students who are pursuing a degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) in an academic institution located in mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, or Singapore.

The prize consists of USD \$3000, a medal, a certificate, and a citation by the Ray Wu Memorial Fund (RWMF). The recipients could also apply for up to \$5000 travel award for attending international conferences and advanced workshops.

RWMF will serve as a liaison for the Ray Wu Prize winners who wish to seek consultation from established investigators as they develop their scientific careers. Ten or more awards will be made each year.

## Dr. Ray Wu

**Dr. Ray Wu (1928-2008)** was a true scholar in the world and a strong advocate for life sciences throughout Asia. In the 1970s, he developed the first method for DNA sequencing and pioneered recombinant DNA technology. He devoted later part of his scientific career to genetic engineering of rice, which feeds most of the world population.

Dr. Ray Wu played numerous advisory roles to Chinese and Taiwan governments, as well as academic institutions. In particular, he initiated an exchange program, the CUSBEA (China-United States Biology and Biochemistry Examinations and Applications) Program, in the 1980s which brought over 400 students from China to pursue Ph.D. degrees in the US, thus leading the way for Chinese students to study life sciences abroad and return to work in China.



2010 Ray Wu Prize Winners

## Dr. Wu's Favorite Quotations:

*Today's impossibilities are tomorrow's miracles.*

*I believe in myself that with God's help and guidance I will succeed.*

*Keep working toward my goals, persist, persist.*

*Enjoy life now while trying to reach my destination.*

*Every morning, write down the top priority work to be done, and do it now or very soon.*

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## Ray Wu Prize Application and Selection Process

**Criteria:** The Ray Wu Prize recognizes excellence in life science research by a graduate student for innovation, independent thinking, and dedication.

**Qualifications:** A candidate must be a graduate student who is pursuing a degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in an institution located in mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, or Singapore. The candidate must have advanced to candidacy in the PhD program, but not within the final year of PhD study by the deadline of application.

**Nomination:** A candidate may be nominated by a faculty member of the institution from which the candidate plans to receive the PhD. The faculty member shall be a PhD mentor and is actively conducting life science research.

**Selection:** The Ray Wu Prize recipients are selected from qualified candidates by the Ray Wu Prize Committee.

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