



2025 CAPA Lizhen Gui Award Winners

Dear CAPA members,

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Yi Zhu, MD, PhD, and Dr. Chuan Chen, MD, PhD, have been selected as the recipients of the 2025 Lizhen Gui Award.

Dr. Yi Zhu is currently a PGY-2 AP/NP resident at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He consistently demonstrates exceptional clinical skills, a strong commitment to research, and an active involvement in the pathology community. Dr. Zhu has been an integral member of the CAPA Online Education Subcommittee since 2023, serving as a lecture moderator, and was honored with the CAPA Service Award in 2024. He has presented at several major pathology conferences, including platform presentations at the 2023 USCAP Annual Meeting and the 2024 American Association of Neuropathologists Annual Meeting. His first-author paper was recently published in *Brain Pathology*. Before beginning his residency, Dr. Zhu earned his PhD at the University of Miami, focusing on neurodegeneration, and has authored nearly 100 publications, including in high-impact journals such as *Nature Genetics*, *PNAS*, and *JCI Insight*.

Dr. Chuan Chen is a PGY-2 AP/CP resident at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Since beginning his residency in 2023, Dr. Chen has demonstrated outstanding clinical performance, a strong research focus, and significant contributions to the pathology community through education, mentorship, and outreach. He has been an active member of the CAPA Online Education Subcommittee, where he has coordinated with invited speakers, created announcement materials, and moderated webinars. In recognition of his efforts, Dr. Chen received the CAPA Service Award in 2024. Additionally, he delivered a platform presentation at the 22nd Annual Meeting of the European Association for Haematopathology in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in 2024. Prior to his residency, Dr. Chen's research on myelodysplastic syndrome earned him the Abstract Achievement Award from the American Society of Hematology (ASH) in 2022. Dr. Chen has authored approximately 80 publications.

This year, we received self-nominations from ten exceptional pathologists-in-training within the CAPA community. The selection process was based on clinical excellence, research achievements during residency training, leadership, and service to CAPA and other pathology organizations. The Award Committee members independently reviewed and scored all applications. In order to avoid conflict of interest, the Committee members did not score applications from the same institutions. The committee chair organized the evaluation process but did not assess individual applicants.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Drs. Zhu and Chen for their outstanding clinical work, academic achievements, and exceptional service to CAPA. We also wish to thank all the applicants for their participation. Our deepest gratitude goes to Dr. Lizhen Gui for her continued generosity. Dr. Gui personally reviewed all the candidate applications and approved the Committee's selections.

Sincerely,

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