

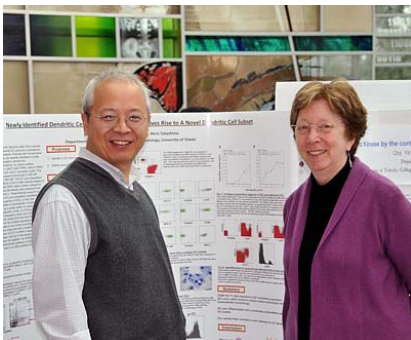
March 5, 2009: Annual Graduate Research Forum

The annual Graduate Research Forum was held on March 5 and 6, 2009. This event is organized by the Council of Graduate Students of the UT College of Medicine and provides an opportunity for students to present their work to fellow students and faculty. Yiliang Chen, in the CDVM track, was awarded the first place prize. Second and third places went to **IIT track** students: Mithun Khattar and Andy (Yutein) Chung with runners-up Miao Chen (**IIT track**), Cynthia Kenmuir and Sara Campbell (IIT track). The judges of the final six were Dr. Akira Takashima, Chair of MMI, Dr. Johnnie Early, Dean of the College of Pharmacy, and Dr. Jeremy Rich, Chair of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine, Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Rich also presented the keynote address entitled "When the Few Rule the Many: Tumor Stem Cells in Cancer Biology".

The event was held in the atrium of the [Center for Creative Education](#)

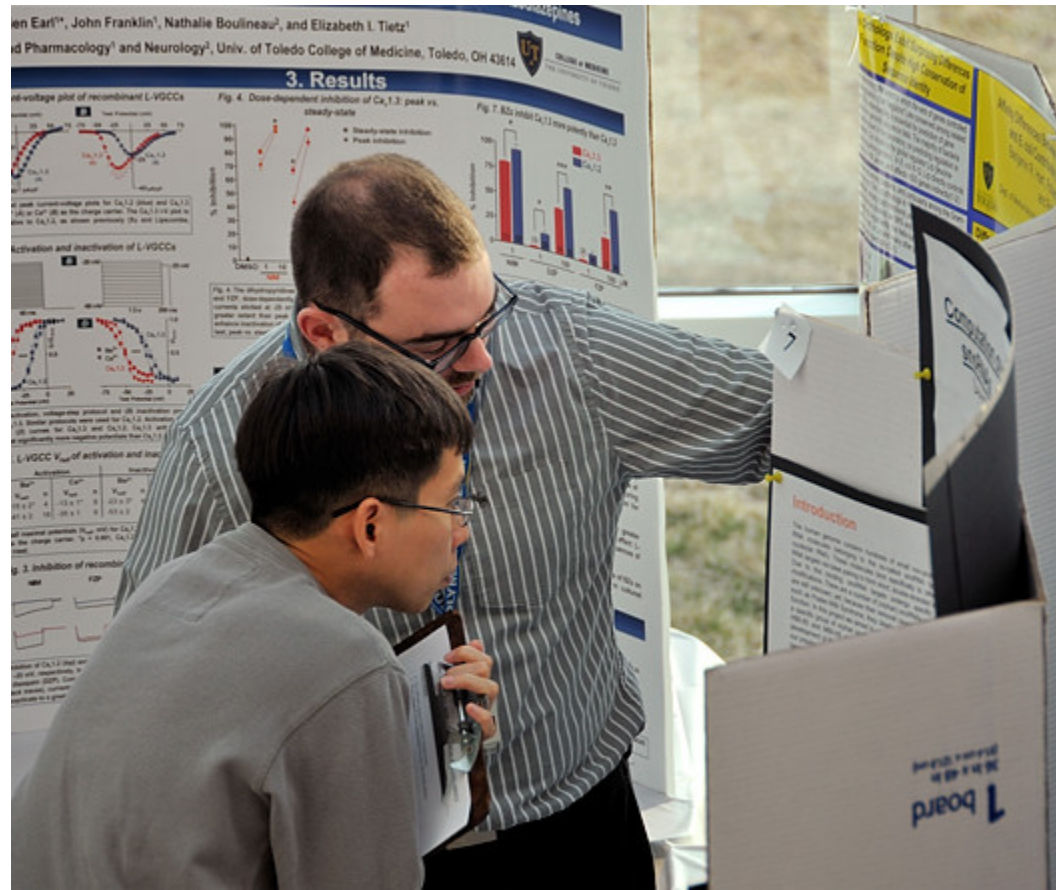


From the top: Yiliang Chen with judge Dr. Pat Hogue and IIT track students Junbo Mai and Jason French.



Dr. Zi-Jian Xie, Yiliang's major advisor, and Dr. Thea Sawicki, **IIT Track Director**.

Randy Hart, IIT track student, discusses his work with Dr. Surya Nauli, one of the first round judges.



Arora Sanjeevani, *Cancer Biology* track student and Mithun Khattar, 2nd place winner from the **IIT track** (*Infection, Immunity and Transplantation*).





Students: Jean-Paul Lavik (IIT track), Joshua Waldman, Leah Palladino and Kristine Angevine

Research Forum Organizers:
Vipul Shukla (IIT Track),
Mithun Khattar (IIT Track) and
Damien Earl (NND Track).

