

## IPEC Foundation Graduate Student Winners....Where are they now? Spotlight on Award Winners; Amit Wani and Qi “Tony” Zu



**Amit Wani**, Wayne State University, winner 2012 writes: “Currently, I am working at Teva Pharmaceuticals as a formulation scientist. I have been with Teva since October, 2012. My work in the sterile injectable group focuses on complex peptide formulation based on polymeric microparticles.

Winning the IPEC Foundation graduate student award helped me to distinguish myself from others, particularly during the interviewing process. The IPEC graduate student award is a prestigious award for individuals involved in excipient research. Winners of this award are considered experts in the excipient field by peer scientists. This improved my credibility, influence, and employment opportunities!!”

**Qi “Tony” Zhou**, Monash University, Australia, winner of the 2010 award writes:

“I am currently an Assistant Professor at the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy, College of Pharmacy, Purdue University. My research focuses on applying particle engineering with pharmaceutical excipients to develop intelligent pharmaceutical solid dosage forms. I was awarded the IPEC Americas Foundation Graduate Student Award in 2010, and it was the first international prize in my academic career. I was so excited at that time that my research work was been recognized by the IPEC Foundation. The recognition and inspiration from receiving the Award lead me to pursue my future career in the research area of pharmaceutical excipients.



This Award has not only impacted me myself, but also my family. My wife, Li Qu, was also an IPEC Foundation Graduate Student Award recipient in 2015, and she a fan of excipients like me. My 5-year old daughter likes excipients very much.....We are really an excipient family!”

**Congratulations and best wishes to all our graduate student award winners!!**

Read on below to see how you could be one of the next graduate student award winners, or how you could win an award if you are a “well-seasoned” veteran involved in pharmaceutical excipient research!

### 2016 Awards!

Applications are now being accepted for the Ralph Shangraw Memorial Award, the Industrial Research Award, Emerging Researcher’s Award and five graduate student travelships to attend the AAPS 2016 Annual Meeting in Denver Colorado, November 12 – 17, 2016

**The Ralph Shangraw Memorial Award** is to be given to any person that has provided an outstanding research in the study of excipients or excipient-related technology. (\$10,000)

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**Five (5) graduate student scholarships** will be awarded to acknowledge excellence in research conducted at the graduate level in the field of Excipients. Students with recent significant contributions to formulation science and technology through innovative research with excipients are eligible for this award. (\$1,500)

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The award criteria include: demonstrated interest in and dedication to the area of excipients in terms of published manuscripts and a research proposal in the area of excipient scientific/technological research. (\$7,500 per year)

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