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UT SOUTHWESTERN FACULTY RECEIVE HONORS

DALLAS – March 17, 2004 – Faculty members from UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas recently were recognized for outstanding achievement in their fields.

Dr. Osamu Nakagawa, instructor of molecular biology at UT Southwestern, recently received the Louis N. and Arnold M. Katz Basic Research Prize for Young Investigators from the American Heart Association, Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences.

The Katz award is among the organization's top honors for a young scientist in basic cardiovascular medicine and research.

Dr. Nakagawa's work focuses on the molecular mechanisms of cardiac and skeletal muscle development and diseases. He hopes to find novel signaling pathways implicated in human diseases and apply the knowledge of basic research to their treatment and prevention.

Dr. Xiaodong Wang, professor of biochemistry at UT Southwestern, has been named this year's recipient of the prestigious Outstanding Achievement in Cancer Research award by the American Association for Cancer Research.

The award includes a commemorative plaque and \$5,000 honorarium.

Dr. Wang, a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator, was honored by the AACR Laboratory Research Award Committee for his work in biochemical studies of apoptosis, or cell death, a phenomenon in which cells activate a self-destruction program.

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