



## **Winner of the first-ever Tao Rising Stars Award**

We are pleased to announce the winner of the first ever Tao Rising Stars Award - Dr. J.D. Beaudoin, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Genetics and Genome Sciences. The Tao Rising Stars Award recognizes a junior faculty member who has outstanding potential to be the next nationally recognized research star from UConn Health. The award provides funding for a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in the winner's laboratory to help advance their research program.

Dr. Beaudoin's laboratory specializes in RNA structure-function and translational control. As a junior faculty member, Dr. Beaudoin has already achieved independent NIH funding and has published in high-impact journals. He also has displayed a clear commitment to trainee education and mentorship. We thank the advisory committee on this recommendation, and we are excited to recognize his accomplishments as well as his potential for even greater future success!

Thank you,

Bruce T. Liang, MD  
Dean, UConn School of Medicine

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