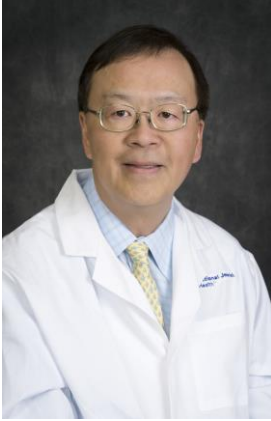


## **AAAAI Foundation and Donald Y. M. Leung, MD PhD FAAAAI-JACI Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future**



Dr. Donald Y. M. Leung, is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (JACI) and has served for the past 15 years. Under his leadership, the impact factor of our journal has risen from 3.7 to over 11.0, reflecting a marked improvement in publications of research dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of allergic and immunologic diseases.

JACI is the most highly cited Journal in the field of Allergy, Asthma and Clinical Immunology and is the most visible official publication of The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI).

With the recent decline in NIH funding and restrictions from other funding sources, it is critical to establish new sources of research funding to maintain outstanding research in the field of allergy and clinical immunology. Without outstanding research, there is a threat to our specialty and our Journal. The quality of research in Allergy-Clinical Immunology could drop due to an erosion of talented researchers and clinicians in the allergy, asthma and immunology field.

Rationale for Fund Raising: Dr. Leung stepped down from his Editor-in-chief position in spring, 2015. As one of his initiatives to support and enhance research in our specialty and maintain JACI's high impact factor, he proposes to establish a new 4 million dollar research fund. The "Donald Y. M. Leung, MD, PhD-JACI Lecture" commemorates the initiation of this effort and the opportunity to advance the knowledge and/or treatment of allergy, asthma and immunology by providing a source of funding for future research.

The vision is to support quality, cutting edge translational and basic research suitable for publication in JACI and further advance patient care and the credibility of allergy/immunology". We encourage all individuals interested in securing the future of scientifically based patient care to consider donating to this exciting new funding opportunity.

The AAAAI Foundation has committed \$500,000 of dollar for dollar matching funds from within the existing corpus. This match may increase to \$1 million dollars in matching funds to create a fund of \$2 million on our way to grow \$4 million to support clinical and translational research in perpetuity. The faster we grow the fund, the quicker awards can be provided. Our vision is to have the first awards at the time Dr. Leung's term as Editor ends.

Please join the individuals who have already committed over \$300,000 to make this vision a reality. We encourage you to celebrate the contributions of Dr. Leung, the other JACI Editors and editorial staff and the success of JACI with a generous donation to the Donald Y. M. Leung-JACI Research Fund through the AAAAI Foundation website. Together we can do more.

**2018 marks the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the AAAAI Foundation and Donald Y. M. Leung, MD, PhD, FAAAAI-JACI Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future award. It will be presented in Plenary Session 3101: Environmental Influences on Innate Immunity-Insights and Mechanisms on Sunday, March 4, 2018: 8:15 to 9:45 am, Convention Center, South Concourse, Level 1, South Hall A1.**

**AAAAI Foundation and Donald Y. M. Leung, MD PhD FAAAAI-JACI  
Lecture: Investing Together in Our Future -  
Jill A. Poole, MD FAAAAI**



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During medical school in Nebraska, she took one year to research at National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease.

She completed an Internal Medicine residency program at Washington University/Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri and fellowship training in Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology at National Jewish Medical Center/University of Colorado Health Sciences in Denver, Colorado.

She was recruited back to University of Nebraska Medical Center in the summer of 2005. Dr. Poole's primary research work has been focused on agricultural-related respiratory diseases since 2005, and she has published over 70 peer-reviewed studies. She has had funding through the NIH (NIEHS) and NIOSH since 2007.

She is also active in the American Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology Society; currently serving as Chair of the Environmental Exposures and Respiratory Health Committee in the Environmental and Occupational Respiratory Disease Interest Section.