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**Purdue researcher named 2018 Grant Award recipient**

*WQRF grant will fund research into efficient mitigation of emerging water contaminants*

**LISLE, Ill.** –The Water Quality Research Foundation has named Dr. George Zhou of Purdue University the recipient of its 2018 Grant Award.

Zhou, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering and Environmental and Ecological Engineering at the West Lafayette, Ind., university, is conducting research that will provide performance data on removal efficiencies of representative emerging contaminants and new knowledge on the effects of water quality on the performance of point-of-use systems.

“WQRF is proud to support Dr. Zhou’s research,” said WQRF Board President Ned Jones. “We expect it to help guide the water quality industry in developing cost-effective treatment devices and new ways of mitigating risks of emerging contaminants in drinking water.”

Zhou earned a Ph.D in environmental science in civil engineering, water quality microbiology from the University of Illinois. He holds Master and Bachelor of Science degrees in environmental biology from Nanjing University, and his research generally focuses on the application of biotechnologies in engineering systems.

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