Cai awarded Future Technology Leaders Award

• Dr. Charles Cai was awarded the Future Technology Leaders Award from The Engineers’ Council during the 63rd Annual Honors and Awards Banquet held February 24, 2018.

• The award is given to honor early career professionals who have achieved significant accomplishments in a particular area of engineering activity within the first five years of their career.

• Dr. Cai’s research is developing novel biofuel technologies to convert plant biomass into renewable chemicals and liquid transportation fuels. His focus is on the biological and catalytic processing of agricultural and forestry waste products that do not compete with food crops. Charles is also working on the Co-solvent Enhanced Lignocellulosic Fractionation (CELF) technology for overcoming the recalcitrance of cellulosic biomass as the major barrier to low cost biological conversion into liquid transportation fuels.

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