



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA®
Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost

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Dear Colleagues,

We're incredibly pleased to share that two OU faculty members – **Dr. Rodney Tweten**, College of Medicine, and **Dr. Jizhong “Joe” Zhou**, Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences – have been elected to the [National Academy of Sciences](#), one of the highest honors in the scientific community.

They are among just 120 national and 30 international scholars selected this year for their distinguished and ongoing contributions to original research. OU remains the only university in Oklahoma with representation in the Academy, and this marks the first time two of our faculty members have been elected in the same year – a remarkable milestone.

Their election stands as a powerful testament to their pioneering research and relentless pursuit of knowledge, underscoring the strength and momentum of our university's research enterprise.

To learn more about this significant recognition and their groundbreaking work, please see the full university news release [here](#).

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Tweten and Dr. Zhou on this exceptional achievement.

Sincerely,

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