

## 2023 Rising Stars of Light Final Winners

On 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2023 Rising Stars of Light Final Campaign was live hosted on iCANX talks. After two sessions (replay via <https://wx.vzan.com/live/page/1430403176>, and <https://wx.vzan.com/live/page/172925594>), below winners for two tracks



were selected by the committee members of

### Faculty track



Aydogan Ozcan,  
University of California,  
Los Angeles,  
Chancellor's Professor



Andrea Alù, City  
University of New York,  
CUNY Distinguished  
Professor



Harry Atwater, California  
Institute of Technology,  
Howard Hughes  
Professor



Washington University  
in St. Louis, Edwin H. &  
Florence G. Skinner  
Professor



Min Qiu, Westlake  
University, Vice  
President and Chair  
Professor of Photonics



Dragomir Neshev,  
Australian National  
University, Professor and  
Australian Research  
Council Director

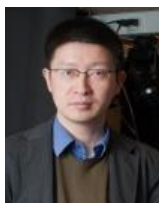
and

**Before Faculty track:**



Martin Booth, University  
of Oxford, Professor and  
Chair of Electrical  
Engineering

Professor



Nicholas Fang,  
University of Hong Kong,  
Professor

Angeles, Professor



Qihua Xiong, Tsinghua  
University, Professor



Shuang Zhang,  
University of Hong Kong,



Mona Jarrahi, University  
of California, Los



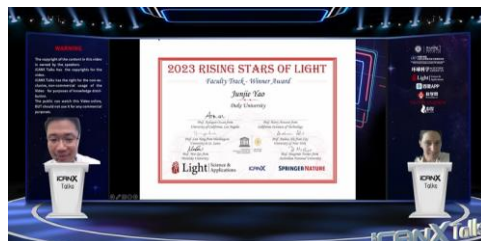
Igor Aharonovich,  
University of Technology  
Sydney, Professor



Committee members of Before Faculty Track



Committee members of Faculty Track





### Winners of 2023 Rising Stars of Light

Rising Stars of Light, initiated by Light: Science & Applications, is a worldwide campaign for the most shining young scientists in optics-related topics. Since 2018, it has been hosted for six years and received worldwide recognition with 0.9 million audiences.

Since 2021, Rising Stars of Light was highlighted as a featured event by UNESCO's International Day of Light.

This year, between 17<sup>th</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> August, Rising Stars of Light were open to nominated applicants from world's leading young scientists who can only be qualified until they submit their achievements, publications & patents, future research plans and being nominated by a world's leading scientist in optics.

After the nomination, application, and selection by the Committee members, 13 final candidates stood out and each presented a talk on iCANX. After a tough selection, the winners are announced at the beginning of this news and the below rewards go to:

#### **2023 Rising Stars of Light Faculty Track - Winner Awards**

Prof. Arka Majumdar from University of Washington

Prof. Junjie Yao from Duke University

Prof. Francisco Robles from Georgia Institute of Technology

#### **2023 Rising Stars of Light Before Faculty Track - Winner Awards**

Dr. Luciano Masullo from Max Planck Institute of Biochemistry

Dr. Danqing Wang from Max Planck Institute for the Science of Light

Dr. Shiqi Xia from Nankai University

The above winners will each receive 1500USD allowance and a publication fee

waiving coupon in LSA (valid by the end of 2025).

### **2023 Rising Stars of Light Before Faculty Track - Candidate Awards**

Dr. Haoran Ren from Monash University

Dr. Jiangang Feng from National University of Singapore;

Dr. You Zhou from Stanford University

Weiliang Ma from Huazhong University of Science and Technology

### **2023 Rising Stars of Light Faculty Track - Candidate Awards**

Prof. Gili Bisker, Tel Aviv University

Prof. Xing Sheng from Tsinghua University

Prof. Sang-Hoon Bae from University of Washington in St Louis

The above winners will each receive a publication fee waiving coupon in LSA (valid by the end of 2025).

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#### 2. All the nominators and applicants of 2023 Rising Stars of Light

#### 3. Initiators & Hosts:

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Prof. Alice Zhang, founder of iCANX talks

Prof. Giulia Tagliabue, EPFL, Host

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