

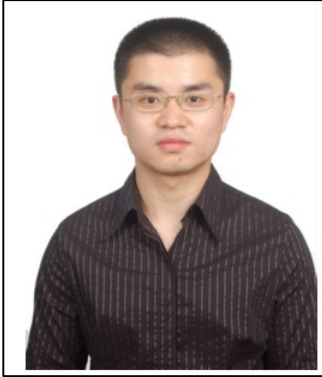
## **Xu Li**

### **AY 2016-17 All-S.T.A.R. Fellow**

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I'm currently a third-year doctoral student in the Counseling Psychology program under College of Education. Driven by my strong interests in a variety of topics in counseling psychology research, I have actively involved myself in multiple research projects. By now, I have published three first-authored and three co-authored articles in prestigious SSCI journals in my area, and have another three manuscripts currently under review. Moreover, as a Chinese international student, I also strive to be a bridge facilitating the international collaboration. Currently I have facilitated an international research project investigating

counseling process and outcome in Chinese culture between my UMD, Beijing Normal University, and a big psychotherapy company in China. Rather than being a researcher in the "ivory tower", I also endeavor to integrate research into practice in my two assistantship positions. As the course instructor of an undergraduate counseling skills course (EDCP310), I conducted a research project to evaluate and potentially enhance the effectiveness of teaching; and as the Research Assistant in UMD Counseling Center, I initiated and led research projects to identify key variables assessed before college entry that predicted students' academic performance and development throughout undergraduate period. It's my belief that going beyond the regular teaching and service to university students and actively integrating research into student training and service can help us continuously improve the quality of our education, and I am excited to devote my efforts into such inquiries and practice. It's my great honor to be considered as a nominee for the All-S.T.A.R. Award, and I sincerely appreciate this precious opportunity.