

# 2023 Winter ACE Award Winner

*(Acknowledging Commitment & Excellence)*



**Xiaolu Amelia Zhang Gross**  
*Faculty and Project Coordinator*  
Nutrition



Amelia was selected as the winner for the ACE Award and here are reasons why:

- Amelia contributed to the launch of the PROSPECT website. She researched options to host the website within Harvard, took those involved in the study and scheduled individual meetings with them and the website creators, and she took it upon herself to take a WordPress class and created a draft external website on her own.
- She took on additional duties to help run the WELCOME Study. Specifically, she assisted with maintaining the double-blind status to the intervention/control study; With no background in statistics or data analysis, Amelia took over an analyst's duties. She met with the analyst several times to understand the process and operated independently and with accuracy; There was an issue with an order and instead of coming to her supervisor with the issue, she looked into ways to fix the problem while keeping the PI and the study team in the loop. Amelia's dedication to troubleshooting, problem solving, and taking initiative is what prevented for the study to reach a standstill.
- Amelia supports various faculty, and she still finds time to help students, postdocs, and staff. She goes above and beyond her duties and is always happy to help others, is attentive and present, and she makes new staff feel welcome and part of the team.