

## **Alumni Profile**

### **Yongjun Huo – Materials and Manufacturing Technology PhD Program**

#### **Career**

What made you get into the career that you are in?

*It is the independent research and problem solving abilities that I developed during the five-year long MMT graduate program towards doctoral degree made myself get into the current career path. The strong background both in theoretical knowledge and experimental skills that I constructed with the help from MMT graduate program and my PhD. advisor, Prof. Chin C. Lee, gave me the competitive advantages to earn the R&D position in the photonics industry.*

How do you hope to make a difference?

*With the solid foundation that I built at UC Irvine, I believe that I can be a researcher with innovative spirit. I would like to contribute myself to the advancement of science and engineering with my knowledge and ideas.*

#### **Your Time at UCI**

When did you attend UCI?

*In the year of 2012, fall quarter.*

What program were you in?

*Materials and Manufacturing Technology (MMT) Graduate Concentration*

Why did you choose to come to UCI?

*Combination of good academic rankings, accommodating local environment and abundant resources and opportunities in the city of Irvine.*

#### **Reflections**

What made you decide to pursue a graduate degree?

*To live is to make a difference in the world. Before making a great discovery or talented invention, I need to equip myself with profound knowledge and various skills. I decided to pursue a graduate degree because I would rather not live a routine life style. To explore an entire new world of science and technology, I need a key to open the door. The graduate degree that I earned during my doctoral degree granted me such a key. So far, this is the best decision that I have ever made in my life.*

## **Alumni Life**

What advice do you have for a new graduate student?

*Think independently and differently; Always do yourself the best on everything; Never set up a limit to yourself; Try to live out of your comfort zone from time to time; To be a nice ant eater!*

How do you balance work/life?

*Try to find the 'pure interest' from research works, so that one can make a fulfilling life out of work. Keep one's fitness with healthy body and energetic mind. Self-regulation is the key.*