

Citation for Prof Augustus John Rush

Emeritus Professor

Professor Augustus John Rush is an internationally-renowned clinician-scientist and mentor who has developed innovative programmes for clinical research and training in both the US and Singapore.

Professor Rush's research focus is on the development and clinical evaluation of innovative treatments for depression, bipolar and other psychiatric disorders, and on the early detection and treatment of these patients. His outstanding research achievements have garnered him numerous awards, notably the Gold Medal Award from the Society of Biological Psychiatry in 2006 and other awards from the American Psychiatric Association, the US National Alliance on Mental Illness, and the Society of Biological Psychiatry. Professor John Rush has authored close to 600 papers and 100 books and chapters; he sits on editorial boards of several leading psychiatry journals and has received numerous invitations to speak at conferences around the globe.

On top of his illustrious research achievements, Professor John Rush played a pioneering and pivotal role in developing training programs for clinician-scientists at the Duke-NUS Graduate Medical School. Professor Rush joined Duke-NUS in 2008 as Vice Dean of Clinical Sciences. In 2012, Professor Rush established the Academic Medicine Research Institute and served as its inaugural Executive Director.

Under his leadership, the Institute has successfully developed education, training and career development programmes to mentor and groom emerging clinician-scientists. These include the Khoo Clinical Scholars, Khoo Mentored Research Award, and the Khoo Student Research Award programmes. Professor John Rush also created the Research Seminar Programme that links third-year medical students of Duke-NUS with quantitative experts and faculty mentors for their third-year patient-oriented research projects. In the past three years, students from the Research Seminar Programme have published over 100 articles in international journals. This is an impressive achievement.

This evening, NUS is honored to recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions of Professor Augustus John Rush to the University.