



CITATION FOR PROFESSOR WANG LINFA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH RECOGNITION AWARD

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It is my privilege to announce the recipient of the 2024 University Research Recognition Award – Professor Wang Linfa.

A global expert in bat biology, Linfa identified bats as natural hosts of the SARS-CoV-1 virus in the original SARS outbreak. He showed that bats have unique anti-inflammatory pathways, and pioneered the use of bats as a model system to characterise emerging zoonotic viral diseases. His studies have increased our understanding of basic mechanisms of inflammation and ageing that can be exploited therapeutically.

As a principal investigator at Duke-NUS, Linfa played a role in shaping public health policies, developing the world's first test for neutralising SARS-CoV-2 antibodies, and leading efforts to design a broad-spectrum vaccine against existing and future coronaviruses. As executive director of Singapore's Programme for Research in Epidemic Preparedness and Response, and member of multiple World Health Organization COVID-19 committees, he has led many initiatives to fortify our defences against future outbreaks.

For his outstanding contributions, Linfa has received many honours, including the President's Science Award and Public Administration Medal (Silver). With an

impressive H-index of 118 and over 60,000 citations, he has been listed among Clarivate's highly cited researchers since 2022.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Wang Linfa on receiving the University Research Recognition Award.