



**CITATION FOR
PROFESSOR LIU XIAOGANG
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE MENTOR AWARD**

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It is my great honour to announce Professor Liu Xiaogang as the recipient of the Outstanding Mentor Award.

In Xiaogang, we have an outstanding combination of a world-leading scientist and a dedicated mentor who has inspired generations of young researchers to achieve excellence.

Internationally recognised for his pioneering contributions to luminescent nanomaterials, Xiaogang has advanced the field through the development of novel nanoscale materials that emit visible light under near-infrared excitation, opening new possibilities in bioimaging, sensing, and photonic technologies. His visionary research has established him as a leading authority in this rapidly evolving field.

Xiaogang also won the 2025 NUS University Research Recognition Award.

Remarkably, Xiaogang has combined his scientific achievements with an unwavering commitment to nurturing future leaders in research. Under his mentorship, his doctoral students have received prestigious honours, including selection to the Youth Top-Notch Talent Plan and the National Ten Thousand Talents Programme of China.

His former mentees have gone on to distinguished academic careers internationally and to influential roles in industry, extending the impact of his mentorship across disciplines and sectors.

Xiaogang is truly an exemplar of a researcher and research mentor par excellence. Please join me in congratulating him on receiving the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award.