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NTU is first in Singapore with the highest number of highly cited researcher awards this year

For their significant and broad influence across a wide range of disciplines, 32 scientists from **Nanyang Technological University, Singapore** (**NTU Singapore)** have been recognised among the world's most influential researchers.

The University jumped three spots to 28th globally in this year's **Highly Cited Researchers list** by **Clarivate**, a United Kingdom-based data analytics company. NTU also has the highest number of Highly Cited Researcher awards this year in Singapore, with the 32 researchers accounting for 36 mentions.

The Clarivate's Highly Cited Researchers list identifies and celebrates the world's most influential scientists for their impact on the research community, based on the rate at which their work has been cited by others over the last decade. According to Clarivate, only one in 1,000 scientists and social scientists worldwide achieves this distinction.

Nearly half of the NTU scientists on this year's list are recognised for their interdisciplinary contributions. This speaks to the University's sustained progress under its strategic roadmap to foster high-impact collaborative research tackling complex global challenges, including climate sustainability and the demands of healthy living and ageing.

Among the NTU faculty recognised this year are senior University leaders **Prof Joseph Sung**, Senior Vice President (Health and Life Sciences) and Dean of the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine; **Prof Shirley Meng**, Vice President (Industry); **Prof Lee Pooi See**, Vice President (International Engagement); and **Prof Warren Chan**, Dean of the College of Engineering.

Four of the scientists - Prof Sung, Prof Meng, **Prof Pu Kanyi** and **Prof Ding Zhiguo** - are recognised in two fields of research. They are among the only 226 scientists globally recognised for their contributions in two research fields on the Clarivate's list this year.

This also marks the fifth year running that Prof Pu, Associate Dean (Research) at NTU's College of Engineering, has been recognised in more than one field of research.

His research covers molecular imaging and chemical biology, including the development of tools made of biochemicals for disease diagnosis and medical therapy.

In addition, Prof Ding, from School of Electrical & Electronic Engineering, was on the Clarivate's list last year for his contributions in two fields of research. His research interests lie in antenna systems, wireless communications networks, 6G systems and signal processing.

Who's who of influential researchers

Scientists on Clarivate's Highly Cited Researchers list are those whose research publications are among the top 1 per cent, based on the number of citations for their fields and year.

For 2026, the global list features 6,802 researchers from over 1,200 institutions in 62 countries and regions. Researchers from 21 disciplines are evaluated for the list, spanning the natural sciences, engineering, computing, medical sciences, and the social sciences.

NTU scientists recognised on this year's list conduct frontier research across diverse areas including computer science, physics, materials science, engineering and chemistry.

The full list of NTU scientists named by Clarivate as Highly Cited Researchers in 2026 can be found in the Annex below.

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ANNEX:

NTU Singapore scientists on Clarivate's Highly Cited Researchers 2026 list

	First Name	Last Name	Field of research
1	Kanyi	Pu	Chemistry, Materials Science
2	Zhichuan J.	Xu	Chemistry
3	Yanli	Zhao	Chemistry
4	Joseph J. Y.	Sung	Clinical Medicine, Microbiology
5	Zhiguo	Ding	Computer Science, Engineering
6	Erik	Cambria	Computer Science
7	Yew-Soon	Ong	Computer Science
8	Chau	Yuen	Computer Science
9	Jun	Zhao	Computer Science
10	Warren C. W.	Chan	Cross-Field
11	Peng	Chen	Cross-Field
12	Cuntai	Guan	Cross-Field
13	Jiaguo	Huang	Cross-Field
14	Yuyan	Jiang	Cross-Field
15	Jingchao	Li	Cross-Field
16	Weisi	Lin	Cross-Field
17	Nripan	Mathews	Cross-Field

18	Tze Chien	Sum	Cross-Field
19	Ming Jen	Tan	Cross-Field
20	David A.	Wardle	Cross-Field
21	Sunny H.	Wong	Cross-Field
22	Qingyu	Yan	Cross-Field
23	Kum Fai	Yuen	Cross-Field
24	Ying Shirley	Meng	Engineering, Materials Science
25	Changyun	Wen	Engineering
26	Xiaodong	Chen	Materials Science
27	Hong Jin	Fan	Materials Science
28	Pooi See	Lee	Materials Science
29	Zheng	Liu	Materials Science
30	Yidong	Chong	Physics
31	Guoqing	Chang	Physics
32	Baile	Zhang	Physics

Note to Editor:



Photo 1: (From left to right) Among the NTU faculty recognised this year in the Clarivate's Highly Cited Researchers 2026 list are senior University leaders Prof Joseph Sung, Senior Vice President (Health and Life Sciences) and Dean of the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine; Prof Shirley Meng, Vice President (Industry); Prof Lee Pooi See, Vice President (International Engagement); and Prof Warren Chan, Dean of the College of Engineering. Photo Credit: NTU Singapore

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About Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore (NTU Singapore) is a premier technological university that develops leaders and creates societal impact through education, research, and service.

Ranked amongst the world's top universities, NTU has 40,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students in the Business, Computing & Data Science, Engineering, Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences, Medicine, Science, and Graduate colleges.

NTU is also home to world-renowned autonomous institutes – the National Institute of Education and S Rajaratnam School of International Studies – and various leading research centres such as the Earth Observatory of Singapore, Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute, Energy Research Institute at NTU, and Singapore Centre for Environmental Life Sciences Engineering.

The University aspires to shape an AI-enabled future. By bringing together global talent across disciplines and combining technology with human creativity, NTU nurtures AI-ready graduates, drives breakthrough discoveries, and forges partnerships that tackle the challenges of our time.

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