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HKU ranked First in China for Female Scientists in Research.com rankings

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The University of Hong Kong (HKU) has been ranked first in China and 16th globally for having the highest number of leading female researchers in the latest Research.com Best Female Scientists rankings.

Professor Xiang ZHANG, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU remarked, ‘We are proud that outstanding female scientists from HKU are recognised for their global scientific impact. This achievement reflects the University’s commitment to cultivating an academic ecosystem where our distinguished female scholars not only thrive but also redefine the frontiers of knowledge. Their groundbreaking contributions across disciplines exemplify HKU’s vision to become “a world-leading university transforming humanity’s future”.’

The three HKU scholars named among the world’s top female scientists are:

Professor Karen Lam Siu-ling
Emeritus Professor and Honorary Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine, School of Clinical Medicine, HKUMed

Professor Irene Ng Oi-lin
Loke Yew Professor in Pathology and Chair Professor of Pathology Department of Pathology, School of Clinical Medicine, HKUMed

Professor Vivian Yam Wing-wah
Philip Wong Wilson Wong Professor in Chemistry and Energy & Chair Professor, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science

Research.com’s annual ranking highlights the achievements of female scientists through a rigorous methodology that evaluates primarily bibliometric data from OpenAlex and CrossRef. By focusing exclusively on women researchers, the ranking helps address persistent gender disparities in academic recognition.

For more information, please visit: <https://research.com/scientists-rankings/best-female-scientists/cn>

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