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HKU Achieves Record with 54 Academics Named Clarivate's Highly Cited Researchers 2025

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The University of Hong Kong (HKU) has set a new record with 54 academics named in Clarivate's "Highly Cited Researchers 2025" list. This achievement places HKU 13th globally among all institutions, based on the total number of researcher designations—including those recognised across multiple fields.

Hong Kong maintains its position as 8th among countries and regions worldwide. HKU plays a pivotal role in this success, with 38% of Hong Kong's Highly Cited Researchers affiliated with the University—the highest representation among local higher education institutions.

According to Clarivate Analytics, a total of 6,868 scholars from 60 countries and regions worldwide have been named Highly Cited Researchers in 2025. Highly Cited Researchers are selected for their exceptional research performance, determined by production of multiple highly cited papers that rank in the top 1% by citations for their fields and publication year in Web of Science over the past decade.

The 54 Highly Cited Researchers 2025 of HKU as below (in alphabetical order):

Chemistry

[Professor Hongjie DAI](#)

Chair Professor and Sapientia Eminence Professor, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science

[Professor Renhao DONG](#)

Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science

Professor Sir Fraser STODDART

Chair Professor, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science

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Professor Kaibin HUANG

Professor and Head, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Professor Yuanwei LIU

Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Cross-Field

Dr Kwok-Hung CHAN

Honorary Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, School of Clinical Medicine, LKS Faculty of Medicine

Professor Hin CHU

Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, School of Clinical Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Kuishuang FENG

Professor, Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences

Professor Zhengxiao GUO

Chair Professor, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science

Professor Ivan Fan-Ngai HUNG

Chair Professor of Infectious Diseases & Vaccinology, Head of Division of Infectious Diseases, and Ru Chien and Helen Lieh Professor in Health Sciences Pedagogy, Department of Medicine, School of Clinical Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Wei JIA

Vivian Tam Wong Professor in Integrative Medicine and Chair Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Tommy Tsan-Yuk LAM

Associate Professor, Division of Public Health Laboratory Sciences, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Dr Eric Ho-Yin LAU

Honorary Associate Professor, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Shunlin LIANG

Head, Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences

Professor Kathy Sze-Man LEUNG

Assistant Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Can LI

Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Professor Yuguo LI

Chair Professor of Building Environment, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Professor Tak-Wah MAK

Honorary Professor, Department of Pathology, School of Clinical Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine; Professor, Department of Medical Biophysics & Immunology, University of Toronto

Professor Malik PEIRIS

Emeritus Professor, and Honorary Clinical Professor, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Leo Lit-Man POON

Daniel C K Yu Professor in Virology, Chair Professor of Public Health Virology, and Head of Division of Public Health Laboratory Sciences, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine and Associate Dean (Human Capital) of Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Siddharth SRIDHAR

Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, School of Clinical Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Ian Chi-Kei WONG

Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Han WANG

Professor and Associate Head, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Professor Peng WU

Associate Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Joseph Tsz-Kei WU

Sir Robert Kotewall Professor in Public Health and Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Hui-Ling YEN

Professor, Division of Public Health Laboratory Sciences, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Kelvin Wai-Kwok YEUNG

Dean of Student Affairs; Ng Chun-Man Professor in Orthopaedic Bioengineering, Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology, School of Clinical Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

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Professor Shuofeng YUAN

Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, School of Clinical Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Professor Ray Y. ZHONG

Assistant Professor, Department of Data and Systems Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Professor Jie ZHOU

Associate Professor, Department of Microbiology, School of Clinical Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

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Professor, Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences

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Professor Kwok-Yung YUEN

Henry Fok Professor in Infectious Diseases, and Chair Professor of Infectious Diseases, Department of Microbiology, School of Clinical Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Immunology, Molecular Biology and Genetics

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Honorary Clinical Professor, School of Public Health, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

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Honorary Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Professor Chunyi ZHI

Chair Professor of Energy Materials, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Microbiology

Professor Tong ZHANG

Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Engineering, Chair Professor of Water and Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

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Professor Xiang ZHANG

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