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Forty-five HKU academics named Clarivate's highly cited researchers 2026

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The University of Hong Kong (HKU) has 45 academics named in Clarivate's "Highly Cited Researchers 2026" list. This achievement places HKU 20th globally among all institutions, based on the total number of researcher awards — including those recognised across multiple fields. HKU also maintains its position as the top university in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong ranks 9th among countries and regions worldwide. HKU plays a pivotal role in this success, with 31% 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 6,802 scholars from 62 countries and regions worldwide have been named Highly Cited Researchers in 2026. 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 eleven years.

The 45 Highly Cited Researchers 2026 of HKU as below (in alphabetical order):

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