UNIVERSITY AWARDS

YOUNG RESEARCHER AWARD

Background
The Young Researcher Award (YRA) is given out annually to recognise outstanding staff achievement and to stimulate quality research in the University. YRA is open to all Faculties, Schools and University-level Research Institutes/ Centres (RI/Cs) in NUS.

Prize
Each award carries a $2,000 prize and a $10,000 research grant in the following year, subject to the NUS’ grant guidelines.

Eligibility
1. Staff nominated for YRA should be below 40 years of age, as of the deadline specified by the Office of Deputy President (Research & Technology).

2. YRA is made for Quality and Impact of research, and not for quantity. Only research carried out at NUS or University-level RI/Cs will be considered.

3. In principle, just one piece of research work of impact is sufficient for a nomination. Nomination of research collaboration undertaken between staff of Faculties/Schools and NUS-Affiliated RI/Cs will also be considered. In cases of collaborative work, the Nobel Prize rule will apply where the nominated work shall involve at most 3 team members, and the Prize will be shared equally.

4. Recipients of YRA are not eligible for nomination for a period of three years. Any new nominations will be judged solely on research completed after the previous award.

5. Candidates who have been previously nominated for three times or more will no longer be eligible to apply for YRA.

Nomination Procedure
1. Nominations can be made by any HOD, Dean or RI/C Director.

2. Nominations should stress the overall achievements of the nominee(s) and their significance; this can be backed up by bibliometric data (citations, H-index, etc.) as appropriate.

3. Self nomination is permitted.

4. The evaluation committee convened by the Deputy President (Research & Technology) will review the nominations. Recommendations of the evaluation committee will be submitted to the Provost for his consideration.

5. The Provost will make the final recommendation of the YRA winners for the President’s approval.