

CITATION FOR PROFESSOR BARRY HALLIWELL OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

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I am honoured to announce the recipient of the 2023 Outstanding Service Award – Professor Barry Halliwell.

We are honoured to pay tribute to Barry for his dedication and contributions to the University. NUS has benefitted substantially from Barry's leadership and global stature as one of the world's most influential scientists in biology and biochemistry.

Barry has been a leader in NUS since 2000, when he assumed the headship of the the Department of Biochemistry at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine till 2007. He transformed the Department and was introduced to the late Minister Mentor Mr Lee Kuan Yew as an example of the talent that Singapore could recruit at a time when the nation was contemplating whether it could be internationally competitive in research.

Barry was instrumental in the formation of the Life Sciences Institute, where he leads the Neurobiology Research Programme, and was the Founding Executive Director of the NUS Graduate School. His stature as one of the world's leading scientists in free radicals gave credibility that NUS and Singapore are places where great research in science takes place – where a new generation of scientists could do internationally competitive work.

In 2006, Barry brought his research expertise to all of NUS as Deputy President (Research and Technology), a position he held until 2015. Under Barry's leadership, NUS secured a record number of competitive research programmes available for universities: four Research Centres of Excellence, three at NUS, and one jointly led by the Nanyang Technological University.

In 2013, Barry was conferred Singapore's highest honour for research leadership: the President's Science and Technology Medal for, and I quote, "his outstanding contributions to development of the research landscape in Singapore....and as a role model in conducting excellent personal research and training local manpower."

In 2021, Barry was honoured as a Citation Laureate, a distinction awarded by Clarivate to the most highly cited and influential researchers whose work is of "Nobel class".

Barry continues to contribute significantly to NUS and Singapore. He is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, Senior Advisor of Academic Appointments and Research Excellence at the NUS Office of the Provost, Programme Leader of the Neurobiology Research Programme at the Life Sciences Institute, and Chairman of the Biomedical Advisory Council at A*STAR.

We are very privileged to be able to honour Barry's achievements and contributions to the University and nation. Please join me in congratulating Professor Barry Halliwell on receiving the Outstanding Service Award.