



CITATION FOR PROFESSOR YAN NING OUTSTANDING GRADUATE MENTOR AWARD

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It is my great honour to announce Professor Yan Ning as the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award.

In Yan Ning, we have an outstanding combination of a world-leader in his scientific domain, and a cherished and beloved mentor who has propelled his mentees towards greater heights.

Yan Ning is one of the world's foremost names in the broad area of catalysis, particularly in the conversion of waste biomass feedstocks into valuable molecules such as amino acids and fuels. He has had an outstanding and distinctive career at NUS, making several breakthrough contributions to research in chemistry and chemical engineering.

Remarkably, Yan Ning has successfully charted a unique and purposeful career path rooted firmly in a simple yet elegant philosophy of research and mentorship. Under his guidance, his students have made many

amazing research contributions, won prestigious awards at various international scientific competitions, and flourished in diverse and illustrious careers as academics, industry practitioners, and even entrepreneurs.

Professor Yan Ning is truly an exemplar of a researcher and research mentor *par excellence*. Please join me in congratulating him on receiving the Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award.