

UGC celebrates and recognises teaching excellence (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the University Grants Committee:

The University Grants Committee (UGC) organises the annual UGC Teaching Award to honour academics of the UGC-funded universities for their outstanding teaching performances and achievements, as well as their leadership and scholarly contributions to teaching and learning within and across universities. The recipients of the 2020 UGC Teaching Award are:

General Faculty Members

Professor Carmen Wong, Clinical Professional Consultant and Associate Professor of Practice in Family Medicine and Medical Education, the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care, the Chinese University of Hong Kong

Early Career Faculty Members

Mr David Seungwoo Lee, Principal Lecturer, Faculty of Business and Economics, the University of Hong Kong

Teams

The Inter-institutional Team for the AIE-AR Project led by Dr Eva Y W Wong (Director, Centre for Holistic Teaching and Learning, Hong Kong Baptist University), with Professor Siu Yin Cheung (Professor, Department of Sport, Physical Education and Health, Hong Kong Baptist University), Professor Siu Cheung Kong (Director, Centre for Learning, Teaching and Technology, the Education University of Hong Kong), Professor Lai Chuen Paul Lam (Associate Professor, Centre for Learning Enhancement and Research, the Chinese University of Hong Kong) and Dr Andrew Morrall (Senior Teaching Fellow, English Language Centre, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University) as team members

The citations of the awardees are in Annex 1.

The other finalists (in alphabetical order) for 2020 are as follows:

Professor Kara Ka Wah Chan, Associate Dean and Professor, School of Communication, Hong Kong Baptist University

Dr Chui Pui Yi, Lecturer, School of Life Sciences, the Chinese University of

Hong Kong

Faculty of Education Experiential Learning Team of the University of Hong Kong, led by Dr Gary James Harfitt (Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), Faculty of Education) with Dr Jessie Mei Ling Chow (Lecturer, Faculty of Education) and Ms Ivy Nga Yi Chung (Executive Officer, Faculty of Education) as team members

Dr Fridolin Sze Thou Ting, Teaching Fellow, Department of Applied Mathematics, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

The three recipients of the 2020 UGC Teaching Award were selected from seven finalists among 17 outstanding nominees through a rigorous process undertaken by a Selection Panel convened by Professor Marilee Bresciani Ludvik of San Diego State University. The selection criteria and the composition of the Selection Panel for the 2020 UGC Teaching Award are in Annex 2.

Professor Ludvik said, "The nominees' passion for teaching and efforts to pursue teaching excellence were impressive. It was a challenge to select the recipients among the outstanding nominees, and I am indebted to all members of the Selection Panel for their dedicated participation in the process."

The Chairman of the UGC, Mr Carlson Tong, congratulated the awardees, finalists and nominees. He also thanked the UGC-funded universities for their support for the UGC Teaching Award. Mr Tong said, "The COVID-19 pandemic posed unprecedented challenges to our academics when universities had to suspend face-to-face teaching over the past few months. The devotion and pursuit for quality in teaching of our university teachers, whose willingness to adapt and innovate with the use of technologies in response to the difficult circumstances, have been truly inspiring. With the gradual resumption of face-to-face teaching, I encourage all university teachers to continue with their quest for excellence, and achieve greater contributions to teaching and learning in the years to come."

The UGC has also produced a series of short video clips to introduce the recipients and finalists of the 2020 UGC Teaching Award. Through these video clips, it is hoped to promote a wider understanding of their pedagogies and recognise their exemplary achievements in teaching and learning. Please refer to the UGC's website www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/ugc/activity/ugc_teaching_award/result.html for further details.

