

Recipients of 2013 Junior Researcher Award Announced

There are very few awards available on a national level in Taiwan that recognize scholars early in their careers. Since 1996, Academia Sinica has been honoring junior scholars who have published research papers that make a lasting impact in their research fields with the Academia Sinica Research Awards for Junior Investigators in Taiwan. Many of the young academics who previously received the award have subsequently become outstanding scholars in Taiwan. On June 4, an award ceremony was hosted by the President of Academia Sinica Dr. Chi-Huey Wong for this year's winners. During the ceremony, winners briefly presented their winning publications.

The recipients each received a certificate and a cash prize of NT\$200,000. In addition, they also received NT\$300,000 for research expenditures to be used within two years following the receipt of the award.

The awards are given in three main categories and this year a total of 145 applications were received — 67 from the Mathematics and Physical Sciences Division, 31 from the Life Sciences Division, 47 from the Humanities and Social Sciences Division. All submissions underwent a stringent review procedure including pre-screening, initial review, 2nd stage review, and a final review.

This year's awardees of Academia Sinica Research Award for Junior Research Investigators, by division, are (in alphabetical order):

Mathematics and Physical Sciences Division (5)

Dr. Chang, Chieh-Yu

Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics, National Tsing Hua University

Dr. Chen, Chih

Distinguished Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, National Chiao Tung University

Dr. Chuang, Yung-Yu

Professor, Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering, National Taiwan University

Dr. Kong, Albert

Professor, Institute of Astronomy, National Tsing Hua University

Dr. Li, Lain-Jong

Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences, Academia Sinica

Life Sciences Division (5)

Dr. Chen, Chien-Sheng

Associate Professor, Graduate Institute of Systems Biology and Bioinformatics,

National Central University

Dr. Tu, Shih-Long

Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Plant and Microbial Biology, Academia Sinica

Dr. Yang, Feng-Yi

Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Imaging and Radiological Sciences, National Yang-Ming University

Dr. Yang, Hsin-Chou

Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica

Dr. Yang, Ying-Ying

Associate Professor, Division of Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, National Yang-Ming University

Humanities and Social Sciences Division (5)

Dr. Chen, Chia-Hui

Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of Economics, Academia Sinica

Dr. Chien, Shih-Shen

Associate Professor, Department of Geography, National Taiwan University

Dr. Huang, Kuo-Chang

Associate Research Fellow, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica

Dr. Wan, Yu-Ze

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, National Sun Yat-sen University

Dr. Wang, I-Chi

Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, National Chung Cheng University