

UCL academics named in annual global list of influential researchers

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A total of 48 UCL academics have been identified as “one in 1,000 Citation Elite” on Clarivate’s annual ‘Highly Cited Researchers List’ 2021, which recognises authors of the most influential research papers around the world.



With 38 primary and 10 secondary affiliations, UCL has the 3rd most in the UK behind the universities of Oxford and Cambridge - and ranks 4th in Europe and 26th in the world overall.

UCL researchers were present in 10 of the 17 academic fields listed, namely: Clinical Medicine; Cross-Field; Environment & Ecology; Immunology; Molecular Biology & Genetics; Neuroscience & Behaviour; Pharmacology & Toxicology; Psychiatry & Psychology; Social Sciences; and Space Science.

17 researchers have been recognised in the ‘Cross-Field’ category, reflecting UCL’s engagement with cross-disciplinary activity.

Professor David Price, UCL Vice-Provost (Research, Innovation & Global Engagement), said: “To be included in this list is a great achievement, and highlights the global influence of UCL’s brilliant researchers - as well as the dedication of our professional staff who play a role in this success.

“The broad citation impact across 10 academic fields, including a large number of ‘cross-field’ researchers, clearly reflects our university’s excellence in cross-disciplinary investigation and discovery.”

The list identifies around 6,600 researchers from across the globe who have demonstrated significant influence in their chosen field(s) through the publication of multiple highly cited papers during the last decade.

The names are drawn from the publications that rank in the top 1% by citations for field and publication year in the Web of Science citation index, with the list also used to identify the research institutions and countries where the

citation elite are based.

With 492 researchers on the list (or 7.5% of the total) is in third globally after the US and China, who

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David Pendlebury Senior Citation Analyst at the Institute for Scientific Information at Clarivate said: “It is increasingly important for nations and institutions to recognize and support the exceptional researchers who are driving the expansion of the world’s knowledge. This list identifies and celebrates exceptional individual researchers at UCL who are having a significant impact on the research community as evidenced by the rate at which their work is being cited by their peers. The research they have contributed is fuelling the innovation, sustainability, health and security that is key for our society’s future.”

Listed UCL researchers:

Clinical Medicine: [Professor James Moon](#), [Professor Charles Swanton](#), [Professor David Wheeler](#)

Cross-Field: [Professor David Batty](#), [Professor Matthew Botvinick](#), [Professor Geoffrey Burnstock](#), Dr Rachel Cooper, [Professor Mark Hamer](#), [Professor Derek Hausenloy](#), [Professor Sir Michael Marmot](#), [Dr Jing Meng](#), [Dr Zhifu Mi](#), [Dr Dimitri Mikhailidis](#), [Professor Dame Linda Partridge](#), [Professor Anthony Schapira](#), Professor Emmanuel Stamatakis, [Professor Bart De Strooper](#), [Professor James Thomas](#), [Professor Robert West](#), [Professor Derek Yellon](#),

Environment & Ecology: [Professor Tim Blackburn](#), [Dabo Guan](#), [Professor Dame Georgina Mace](#)

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Molecular Biology & Genetics: [Professor Charles Swanton](#)

Neuroscience & Behaviour: [Professor David Attwell](#), [Professor Frederik Barkhof](#), [Professor Timothy Behrens](#), [Professor Matteo Carandini](#), [Professor Helen Cross](#), [Professor Karl Friston](#), [Professor Nick Fox](#), [Professor John Hardy](#), [Professor Kenneth Harris](#), Professor Angela Vincent

Pharmacology & Toxicology: [Professor Abdul Basit](#), [Dr Asma Buanz](#), [Professor Simon Gaisford](#), [Dr Alvaro Goyanes](#)

Psychiatry & Psychology: [Professor Anthony David](#), [Professor Glyn Lewis](#), [Professor Chris Brewin](#), [Professor William Mandy](#), [Professor Marinus van IJzendoorn](#)

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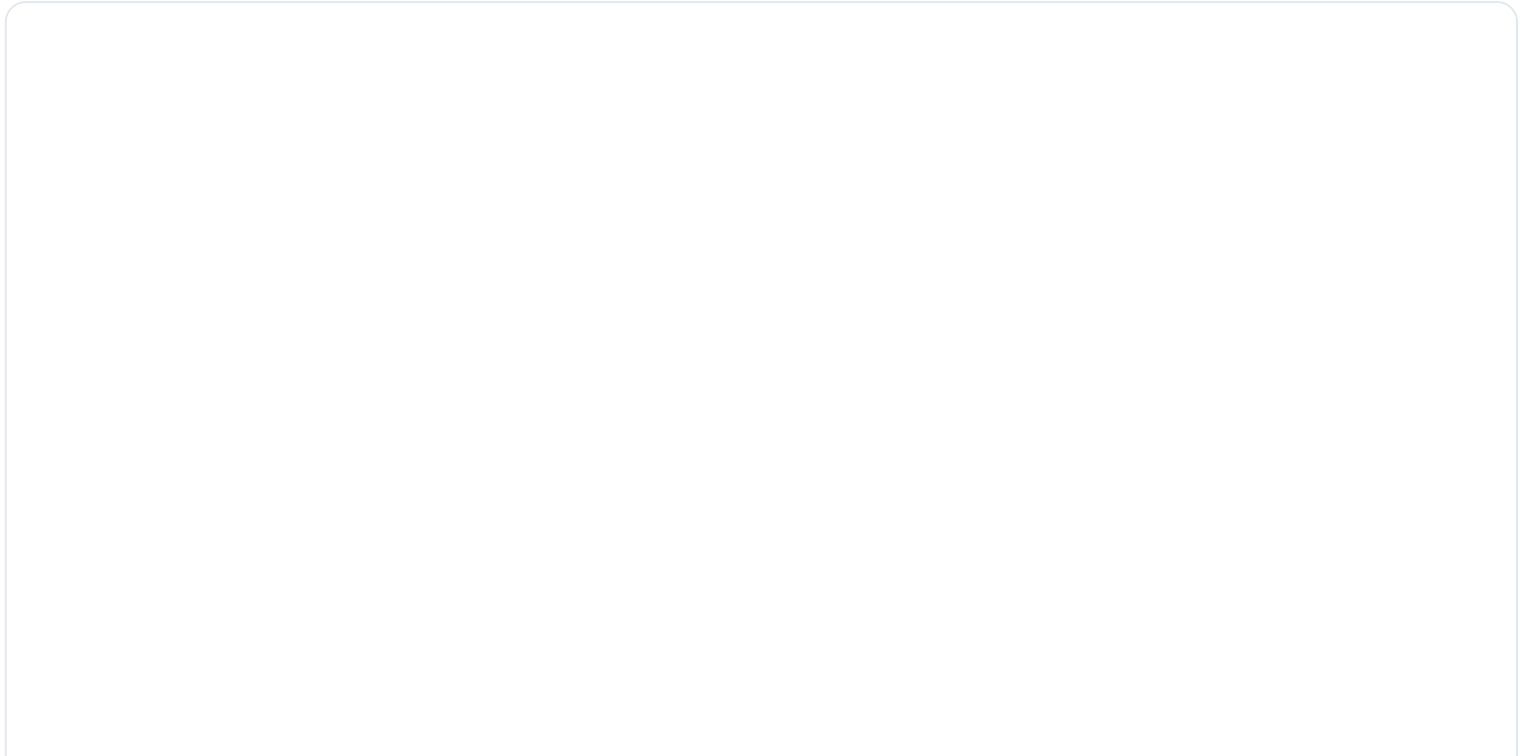
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