Dr. Rocky Tuan Selected to Receive the 2015 Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Award

McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine associate director Rocky Tuan, PhD, has been selected to receive the 2015 Chancellor’s Distinguished Research Award, Senior Scholar category. This award honors Dr. Tuan as a faculty member with an outstanding and continuing record of research and scholarly activity. Dr. Tuan’s nomination was supported by many of his colleagues and peers and the selection committee was impressed by his career achievements. The official notification letter was sent to Dr. Tuan by Chancellor Patrick Gallagher.

The chancellor cited Dr. Tuan’s extensive record of more than 500 publications and more than 26,500 citations, as well as honors including the Marshall Urist Award for Excellence in Tissue Regeneration Research.

“Equally impressive is that your tenure at the NIH [National Institutes of Health] heralded the initiation of tissue engineering and regenerative medicine research and education within the NIH Intramural Research Program,” Chancellor Gallagher wrote, adding that the committee noted Dr. Tuan’s appointment as founding director of the School of Medicine’s Center for Military Medicine Research, Health Sciences in 2012, and his subsequent success in facilitating federal and private funding for battlefield injury-related research including traumatic brain injury, vision restoration, and mobility.

Dr. Tuan will receive a cash prize as well as a grant to support his teaching and research. In addition, he will be recognized in the Pitt Chronicle, at the 2015 Honors Convocation, and more personally at a smaller reception.

Dr. Tuan is a Distinguished Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and the Director of the Cellular and Molecular Engineering Lab. He is also the Executive Vice Chairman for Orthopaedic Research and serves as the Arthur J. Rooney, Sr. Chair Professor in Sports Medicine. He is the Director for the Center for Military Research. He also holds a secondary appointment as a Professor within the Department of Bioengineering.

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