NTU starts award for environmental research

It’ll be S’pore’s first for doctoral-level research in the field

NANYANG Technological University (NTU) is setting up Singapore’s first award for excellence in doctoral-level environmental and sustainability research.

The award is made possible by a generous US$50,000 gift to NTU from the World Future Foundation (WFF), a charitable organisation registered locally.

The university will award five prizes worth US$10,000 each to the top five PhD theses related to the environment and sustainability this year.

Successful candidates will be selected based on several criteria, including the societal and economic relevance of their research, novelty, and a demonstrated passion for the field.

The agreement to set up the award, called the World Future Foundation PhD Prize in Environmental and Sustainability Research @ NTU, was signed yesterday.

The deal was inked by Feng Lun, chairman of WFF and Lam Khin Yong, Associate Provost for Graduate Education & Special Projects, NTU.

Both NTU and WFF believe in active research into new technologies, the deployment of innovative solutions to environmental issues, and the sustainable use of natural resources.

“Education, research and technology are efforts that require contiguous effort,” said Ng Wun Jern, executive director of NTU’s Nanyang Environment & Water Research Institute.

“NTU sees WFF’s gift and the award as the first step in a long journey which WFF and NTU will undertake together as we seek to inculcate responsible and enthusiastic environment stewardship in the hearts and minds of those who follow us.”