



# UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

## *THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Research Supervisor of the Year*

Institution/Nominee	Tong Sun, City, University of London
Submission	<p>Professor Sun (OBE for services to engineering) creates supportive, stimulating, inspirational research environments for doctoral students. Most of her 30+ students have come from abroad.</p> <p>She has made outstanding contributions to their training, UK experience, ambition, motivation and early careers. They have produced excellent theses. Their post-doctoral achievements include lectureships, industry research posts and start-up companies. One student paper received 300 citations. Notably, she helped female students with families and won the Royal Society Athena Prize for promotion of diversity.</p> <p>As role model to female students, she helps them to be assertive in the male-dominated engineering profession. A poignant illustration of ‘going the extra mile’ was when diagnosed with serious illness, she ensured smooth transition of formal supervision but kept regular contact.</p> <p>Grant successes provide students with the best equipment, external experience and funding for conferences and Summer Schools overseas. She encourages students to plan early for their subsequent careers.</p>