



PVAMU SCIENTIST RECOGNIZED FOR GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH

Professor Ananda Amarasekara Receives Agilent Solutions Innovation Research Award For Work With Renewable Energy Storage and Sustainable Biofuels

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (Feb. 29, 2024) – Agilent Technologies Inc. today announced the selection of Distinguished Prairie View A&M University Professor Ananda Amarasekara as a recipient of an Agilent Solutions Innovation Research Award. Dr. Amarasekara's research will tackle a significant technical challenge that affects the global population: developing new materials to improve the performance, longevity, and recyclability of commercial energy storage solutions.

Professor Amarasekara earned the honor based on his pioneering research into renewable electrical energy storage technologies and sustainable biofuels – specifically, developing a new energy-efficient and inexpensive method for recovering valuable metals from spent Li-ion batteries.

Professor Amarasekara is encouraged by the collaboration with Agilent, saying the company's resources "will be put to good use in Prairie View's Li-ion battery recycling project and environmental science research programs." Dr. Amarasekara adds, "The experience will be useful in developing our future research plans."

Professor Amarasekara joins esteemed Professors Michel Barsoum and Yury Gogotsi at Drexel University in receiving the honor.

The awards underscore Agilent's commitment to facilitating research at institutions of higher learning like Prairie View A&M University while increasing access to its portfolio of analytical solutions.

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