

## 2024 年公衛學院研究生優秀論文獎博士生佳作獎

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獲獎心得：

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for being a recipient of this award. This recognition means a great deal to me, as it acknowledges my commitment to environmental health research and motivates me to continue pursuing academic scholarship.

I feel humbled to be among peers who have made impactful contributions to public health through their research. Our college represents a highly inclusive space that fosters the growth of every individual, regardless of background, and I see this award as a meaningful recognition of the diverse contributions our graduates make to public health.

The work for which I was awarded represents the culmination of seven years of graduate research dedicated to developing molecular methods for characterizing exposure to diverse microorganisms, including fungal spores and bacteria. Expanding our toolset is critical to improving our understanding of the health effects of microbial exposures and the intricate connections between environmental and human health within a One Health framework—an area in which I am excited to continue growing as a researcher.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude for the opportunity to conduct my doctoral studies here under the guidance of two exceptional mentors, Professor Yue-Liang Guo (郭育良 教授) and Professor Kun-Hsien Tsai (蔡坤憲 教授), and to all of the faculty and staff who have made me feel at home over the years.

Thank you for this recognition.