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James P. Tam is the Director of the Herbalomics and Drug Discovery Laboratory. He served as the Founding Dean of the School of Biological Sciences, the Founding Director of Biological Research Center and the Founding director of the double-degree program in Biomedical Science and Chinese Medicine at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

He received his Ph.D. in Medicinal Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA and held appointments as Associate Professor at The Rockefeller University, USA (1982-1991), Professor at Vanderbilt University, USA (1991-2004) and The Scripps Research Institute, USA (2004-2008). His research work focuses on the discovery, design and development of therapeutics, particularly orally active biologics, immunologics, anti-infectives, anti-proliferatives and synthetic vaccines.

Professor Tam has published more than 330 papers in these areas of research. He received the Vincent du Vigneaud Award in 1986, the Rao Makineni Award by American Peptide Society in 2003, the Ralph F. Hirschmann Award by the American Chemical Society (ACS) in 2005, and the Merrifield Award by American Peptide

Society in 2013 for his outstanding contributions to peptide and protein sciences. The Merrifield and Hirschmann Awards, administered by the APS and ACS respectively, recognize the highest achievements in the chemistry, biochemistry and biophysics of peptides at an international level. In addition to his scientific research, he has also been active in the peptide community. Besides serving on many editorial boards, he organizes international peptide and protein symposia and was co-founder of the past ten International Chinese Peptide Symposia. He received the Cathay Award from the Chinese Peptide Society, China in 1996. He was also honored as Honorary Professor by Peking University and Peking Union Medical College.