

Getting To Know Our Professors

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Why do you enjoy teaching and mentoring higher degree students?

Albert Einstein once said, “Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death”. As a firm believer of lifelong learning, I have professed its benefits to many of my students. It is my personal mission to advise and mentor higher degree students as I believe that they have great propensity to learn and to grow. As a child, my mother used to tell me that there is only one thing that other people cannot steal from you; and that is knowledge. It is this early idea that has taken root in my own intellectual development and it has certainly shaped my teaching philosophy. To be able to share knowledge is indeed the most enjoyable aspect of my work.

What research area(s) are you working on now? How does it impact your work at NIE?

I am working on geography and environmental education. Specifically I am researching on how students learn climate change, the findings of which will inform us as educators on the best way to teach the topic in our schools.

Why is NIE a good place for you to do your work?

NIE’s vision of being an institute of distinction resonates with me. I believe in NIE’s thought leadership position in education and that by being a faculty member at NIE, there is a host of opportunities that I can tap into to impact Singapore’s education system.

What does NIE offer to higher degree students that is unique?

NIE higher degree students will benefit from the intersection between academic disciplinary thinking, pedagogical and andragogical research. In addition, the strong emphasis of theory to practice nexus is manifested in the curriculum design as well as through the modality in the delivery of programmes. With the confluence of these important intellectual resources, NIE higher degree programmes offer the student the opportunity for a meaningful learning experience.

How would you describe NIE higher degree students?

In my time at NIE, I have been delighted by the range of experience I have had with higher degree students. These range from students with strong professional experience to those who exude pure intellectual force, and from those who are highly motivated to those who are extremely diligent.

What have you learnt from your students?

I am humbled by how much I have learned from the diversity of experiences gained while supervising and teaching higher degree students, which helped me reaffirm my teaching philosophy.