

11th May 2018

For the University of Hong Kong

Re: Research Output Prize - Letter of Support for Dr. Cecilia Ka Yuk Chan

To whom it may concern,

This letter serves as a recommendation for Dr. Cecilia Chan on her application for the *Research Output Prize* within the University of Hong Kong with reference to her recently published paper in the *Journal of Engineering Education* – [Chan, C.K.Y., Zhao, Y & Luk, L.Y.Y. (2017). *A validated and reliable instrument investigating engineering students' perceptions of competency in generic skills. Journal of Engineering Education, 106(2), 299-325*].

I have come to know Dr. Chan through a collaborative partnership revolving around the above paper. I contacted her after reading this paper, which impressed me, as thorough and excellently researched and presented. This work provides useful insights on both the theoretical basis and practical implementation of generic skills assessment, a subject well known in the higher education field as important, yet, challenging. The paper has been administered with all students enrolled (N=605) in the Dentistry and Oral Health programs of study at Griffith University and data analyse will begin soon. Assessment tools that are well founded in research literature and rigorously validated, like the instrument reported in Dr. Chan's paper, are rare assets.

At Griffith University, we are in the process of reviewing how our Dentistry curriculum can be modified to better cultivate the generic skills of students. The findings and instrument developed in Dr. Chan's work will immediately fit some of our initiatives. I envisage the materials will similarly be useful for other higher education settings, and her findings will encourage further research in need. It is an area in which Dr. Chan will produce impact for the Engineering and Health community, I am sure. We intend to continue our partnership on the basis of such a rigorous contribution to the field.

I fully support the work and research contribution of Dr. Chan. She provides a great example of quality research and has a clear passion for the field and excellence in disseminating findings.

Please contact me if I can provide any further information required.

Sincerely,



Dr Jane Evans

From: Jane Evans <j.evans@griffith.edu.au>

Sent: Monday, October 8, 2018 11:01

To: Dr. Cecilia Chan

Cc: Vanessa Reher; Gail Rehbein

Subject: Hello there

Hi Cecilia,

Wondering how you are?

We are currently unpacking and digesting results from the Transferable Skills Survey with our Dentistry and Oral Health students.

I found your paper from April 2018 - can you send me a copy of your papers, all relevant to TSS so we can make sure we cite your work.

Any relevant work is good.

We plan to include you on our paper once we work out our direction - if that is suitable to you.

Kind regards

Jane and team

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From: Jane Evans [mailto:j.evans@griffith.edu.au]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Dr. Cecilia Chan <cecilia.chan@cetl.hku.hk>
Subject: Generic Skills Perception Questionnaire

Dear Professor Chan,

I have just read your recent paper "A validated and reliable instrument investigating engineering students' perceptions of competency in generic skills" in the Journal of Engineering Education.

Firstly, thank you a very good read and thorough work, well researched and written.

It is very interesting and maybe a good fit for a project in the School of Dentistry and Oral Health at Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia.

I am wondering if you could provide a copy of the 'Generic Skills Perception Questionnaire' which has been designed to test engineering students' perceptions of their competency in these skills. With full acknowledgement of your work (of course) we would like to see if we can adapt it to the dental context.

We are in the process of determining how curriculum can be changed to improve generic skills, so it is with great interest that we see your work.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Best regards
Jane

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From: Jane Evans <j.evans@griffith.edu.au>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 6:10
To: Dr. Cecilia Chan
Subject: Re: Generic Skills Perception Questionnaire

Dear Cecilia

This is great news - thank you so much.
Like you I am also passionate about how our students respond to the world around them.
I look forward to reading the latest work and am keen to keep in contact with you regarding your work with curriculum.
I will be working on a curriculum renewal project in 2018.

We will definitely keep you posted with our progress and may ask some questions along the way.

Best regards
Jane

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