



2024 UGC Teaching Award - Feedback from Selection Panel

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Dear Professor Chan,

The following is sent on behalf of the Selection Panel of the UGC Teaching Award (the Panel) -

We are writing to offer your team our warm congratulations on your Award in the 'Collaborative Team' category. The standard of all submissions to this Award is consistently very high and so achieving this distinction is a most prestigious accomplishment, and as such both you and your Universities can be justifiably proud.

The Panel deeply appreciated the opportunity to learn about and discuss with you your significant efforts and contributions to the development of holistic competencies for students and embedding such skills within the curriculum. The learning opportunities that you provide for these students are truly exceptional. Your application was a pleasure to read, and the team's enthusiasm, commitment and creativity came across very strongly during the interview.

The Panel felt that yours was a particularly outstanding nomination in all respects:

- the institutional statement of support amply highlights the team's strengths, contributions, and impact as educators and educational leaders and makes clear the significance, value and impact of your contributions to your Universities, the students and the wider international community;
- your project addresses an important yet often overlooked area of focus. The Panel was impressed that your large-scale, mature and ambitious project is truly collaborative in nature, not just within your team but between institutions and disciplines;
- the emphasis on community building and professional development, *e.g.* establishing Community of Practice (CoP), scholarly engagement, and promoting students-as-partners, is commendable;

- you have a clear rationale and strategy that uses an evidence-based approach to integrate holistic competencies into pedagogies, courses, programmes and curricula; and
- your widespread dissemination efforts, such as the HAVE website and the establishment of the International Holistic Competency Foundation to enhance students' holistic competencies, should ensure wide impact and value for money.

The Panel is in no doubt that you are a team of exemplary educators, balancing the needs of students with the input from community stakeholders, whilst at the same time serving as a role models for peers.

The Panel wishes you every success in your current and future endeavours, and offers congratulations once again on this Award, as you all continue to support the learning opportunities for your students.

Sincerely,

The Selection Panel of the 2024 UGC Teaching Award

Best regards,
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