

## CITATION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR STEPHEN LIM OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD

Associate Professor Stephen Lim's motto is "No matter the impending challenges, keep your aspirations alive". His students see his passion and dedication as an educator, and often comment that he leaves them with something meaningful beyond the classroom – whether it is a solid grounding in the discipline, an abiding and lasting sense of curiosity and inquisitiveness, the passion for discovery, or the inspiration to keep pushing boundaries.

While an inspiring educator, Stephen is also a demanding and challenging one. His students are required to internalise their material during presentation, rather than reading from a script, so that they have a better grasp of the content. He encourages application of knowledge and independent thinking, and students are told that his final exams demand critical application of research knowledge and skills in complex scenarios.

Stephen's exemplary teaching practices impact other educators, through the publication of pedagogical work in journals, and through his leadership as Chair of the NUS Teaching Academy from 2018 to 2020.

For these and many other reasons, Associate Professor Stephen Lim is a worthy recipient of the Outstanding Educator Award.