



**CITATION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DAMITH
CHATURA RAJAPAKSE
OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD**

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It is my privilege to announce the recipient of the 2025 Outstanding Educator Award—Associate Professor Damith Chatura Rajapakse.

Damith is a teacher who inspires, a mentor who empowers, and an innovator whose influence is felt far beyond our campus. In the classroom, he blends academic rigor with genuine care for his students. His teaching evaluations consistently soar above School and Department averages, and his students regularly nominate him for best teaching in every course he conducts.

Damith is also a trailblazer in educational technology. He has a flagship innovation known as TEAMMATES, a peer-evaluation platform now used by over a million users across more than 1,500 institutions worldwide, which has significantly enhanced collaborative learning. His other innovations, including PowerPointLabs and SE-EDU (which stands for [Software Engineering Education](#)), are used across multiple NUS courses.

An advocate of open-ended, blended and problem-based learning approaches, Damith promotes self-paced and self-directed learning, encouraging students to tackle real-world projects and extend their learning beyond the confines of traditional semesters.

Through his dedication and innovation, Associate Professor Damith Rajapakse has transformed how we teach, how we learn, and how education can reach the world. Please join me in congratulating him on receiving the Outstanding Educator Award.