

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my most sincere gratitude to the committee for selecting me to be the recipient of this year's National Central University Teacher's Teaching Excellent Award. I am humbled to have been selected, especially knowing that there were so many qualified candidates.

I would like to thank Director Shann for his encouragements, leadership, and his kind words when recommending me to the committee. Certainly, I am also very grateful for having the opportunity to work in such a pleasant environment with numerous admirable teachers and staff. I cannot thank my colleagues enough for the warm support they have given me in the past four years. I would like to especially thank Cassie for helping me with all the Mandarin Chinese problems I encountered throughout the years. I believe I would not be receiving this award if I did not have such extraordinary colleagues. Looking up to each of my colleagues, I constantly feel the need to push myself harder and excel.



Receiving this award causes me to take a step back and reflect because this is the most prestigious honor a teacher can receive and it is probably the most heartwarming award as well. Though I have only been teaching in National Central University for four years, I think about why I have been given this award. From my thoughts, teaching for me is not a job, it is not a task, and it certainly is not mundane. Teaching for me is a passion, a calling, and it is simply a part of my life. I wake up every morning excited to see my students; I want to talk to them, educate them, and give them lifelong advises. I like my students to feel comfortable and enthusiastic to come to class or come to the events I host. I want students to forget that they are in a class; I simply want them to feel that they are here to use English. Take English Café as an example; prior to my arrival, students felt that English café was an English class rather than a community for language exchange. Therefore, I transformed English café into a relaxed environment for students to socialize and forget that they are required to use English. I believe from the English café statistics and teachers evaluations, students can feel the energy and passion I bring. After reflecting, there are aspects that I could do better, but my final thought is that it is extremely crucial for a teacher to motivate students; likewise, this award will be my reminder and motivation to keep becoming better.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee again for the recognition and acknowledgement. I would like to thank my colleagues. In addition, I would like to thank my students for being excellent! I am truly happy and excited to receive this award. Words cannot even describe my joy.