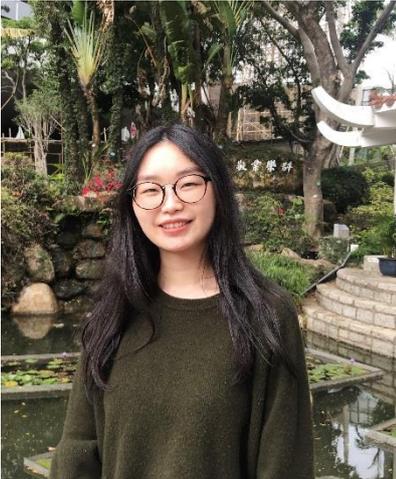


College of Business PhD Student Teaching Excellence Award 2019 –
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My name is Tang Yuyan. I am currently a fourth-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Accountancy. Before I came to CityU, I earned my Bachelor's degree from Fudan University in Shanghai.

I was recently awarded the 2019 College Ph.D. Student Teaching Excellence Award by the College of Business. I am very grateful to the university for giving me the opportunity to teach tutorials. This teaching experience has improved my presentation and communication skills, trained me to be a good teacher, and prepared me for my future academic jobs. I will seek to continue to improve my teaching skills.

I would like to share some of my teaching philosophies and tips. First, I think that it is important for the teacher to treat all students equally and help them with their difficulties. Some students are fast learners, while others are slower. Some students have already taken related courses in high school, while others are just beginners. Some students are outgoing and willing to ask questions in class, while others are shy and afraid to talk in front of others. The teacher should treat each student equally, respect and help every student, and never give up on anyone. Ideally, it is best to provide more help to and be more patient with students with difficulties. I also aim to talk to every student individually to see if they have any questions or problems.

Second, I try to engage the students by asking questions in class. As many students are shy and reluctant to talk in front of others, I encourage them to answer questions casually, without standing up. I also utilize websites such as Mentimeter to engage the students. The students can choose answers on their cellphones, and this website shows which student is fastest. It can motivate students to do exercises and to be engaged in the class.

Third, I prepare all the materials that will be used in the class, check my slides carefully and rehearse several times before going to class. The students appreciate my effort, and they work harder and concentrate better in class.

Fourth, I think good time management is very important. I do not rush to finish all of my slides or keep the students past time. The students may not be able to learn if the teacher rushes to the end, and they may be angry, distracted, and unwilling to listen if the teacher keeps them past time.

Last, I answer questions and reply to e-mails as soon as possible. This encourages my students to learn faster and ask more questions and lets them know that the teacher values their questions.

My study in the Department of Accountancy has been one of the most valuable experiences of my life. The department has provided opportunities and resources to help me become both a good teacher and a good researcher. I am also grateful to my advisers, Prof. Kim Jeong-Bon and Dr. Xin Xiangang, who have helped me tremendously and given me many good suggestions and guidance.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, watching movies and hiking. As a Ph.D. student, life can be difficult sometimes, especially when the research is challenging. It is important to stay positive and never give up. As Winston Churchill once said, "Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."