

## **Survey: EEE Student Feedback - Spring 2010/11**

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### **Programme Summary - Free Text Answers - PGR Courses**

#### **Suggestions for any significant changes you would recommend**

##### **Responses:**

- Can you tell me about the further decision of EEE6500 and EEE6510? I do not when can I do the poster or presentation to get the credit.
- Encouragement along with effective evaluation can help a student to serve his best.
- more fundings for international students
- more industrial practices
- Provide more interdisciplinary coursework.
- The module for DDP is not satisfactory. The students have less opportunities to improve their skills both practice and research. We have no chance to communicate with other distinguished university such as Oxford and Cambridge. We want to take part in the worldwide research rather than our own workshops.

**Please nominate a member of staff who you feel has been particularly helpful for your learning this semester for a learning and teaching award. This could be a lecturer, a lab technician or any member of staff.**

##### **Responses:**

- Ed Clarke has been fantastic, easily the best person I have encountered in terms of teaching and explanation.
- Dr Kais Atallah
- Prof. Ziqiang Zhu
- Professor Richard Hogg
- Dr Martin Foster
- Dr. Chee Hing Tan
- Hilary Lavensky, PGR staff, EEE
- My supervisor, Prof. Jiabin Wang, provided me with the right advice in order to improve myself rapidly in my research field. Challenging me, but at the same time assisting me made me move deeper and enhance my knowledge in a very short time.

- Peter Rockett
- Prof. Jiabin Wang for supporting and helping me through my first few months of PhD
- Paul Haines
- Everyone is such nice. It is hard to specify the only one.
- Shao Ling
- NONE except my supervisor.
- Dr Chee Hing Tan
- Dr. Thomas Walther
- Andy Race

**Please comment on what was good about the programme.**

**Responses:**

- I enjoy practical work and self-teaching, so this was ideal. The help I have received from staff has been fantastic.
- The range and depth of research topics
- Some course are useful to aid the research, such as reference, writing.
- Good departmental staff and students creating a very enjoyable working environment.
- The course is very stimulating, and has improved my self-motivation, ability to work on my own and research a given topic.
- Support from supervisor. Freedom to investigate
- The environment is friendly.
- The fact that the student has the flexibility to use his own time effectively and efficiently by concentrating on tasks that he chooses along with the supervisor's advice.
- Student has the flexibility to choose anything that he believes that will assist his research.
- The best thing is I could communicate with my supervisor freely and easily to discuss interesting academic ideas. That's a lot of fun.
- This topic is interesting.
- Good facilities that I can work with.
- Nice staff who give me a lot of help.

- Cultivate my ability to read & write academic paper
- NONE
- have a chance to improve analytical ability

**Please give a suggestion on how the programme could be improved.**

**Responses:**

- A clear definition of what is required would be good.
- The department has made change to EEE6500 and EEE6510. But I have not received any further information. I do not know whether should I choose another two courses to get enough credits or not?
- First month could be spent entirely on showing students how to search for the correct research papers and how to write the information from the papers in their own words.
- The programme could be improved if there was more support provided to the students when they initially start in terms of how to research correctly, and where to find material.
- Evaluation of progress effectively.
- Provide more software training if that is possible. There is a large variety of software, but there are some that are fundamental for the student (especially in engineering). Providing training could help the student improve his skills and understanding rapidly and then focus on the actual research instead of struggling with software.
- More/Better laboratory and office space.
- The whole thing could be better if communications between supervisors and student do better. And the overall program organisation could be done better.
- Introduce more program to boost communication between research student
- MORE opportunities for research communication with counterparts in brother university
- MORE corporation with other department on similar research subjects.
- MORE lectures from distinguished scientists from worldwide university
- give more flexible space and time to arrange things