



**CITATION FOR  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR PETER THOMAS VAIL  
OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD**

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I am honoured to announce the recipient of the 2024 Outstanding Educator Award – Associate Professor Peter Thomas Vail.

Peter joined NUS about fifteen years ago. His formal training lies in cultural and linguistic anthropology and sociolinguistics, particularly in Southeast Asia. While cultivating strong ties with institutions in the region, he also inspired many students to join him on meaningful field trips and project work to our neighbouring countries.

When NUS College was founded in 2022, Peter led the design and development of its flagship Impact Experience Project. This project brings together interdisciplinary teams of students with non-profit partners to benefit communities in Singapore and beyond.

Peter's teaching is very much in line with NUS College's mission of "breaking open the classroom." He also developed the pedagogical frameworks to hire and mentor new faculty members to teach in the Impact Experience Project. Leveraging his long years of experience in the

University Scholars Programme, Peter has certainly been among the pioneers who helped “write the book” for intentional experiential learning in the College.

Please join me in congratulating Associate Professor Peter Thomas Vail on receiving the Outstanding Educator Award.