

Nomination Excerpts

**VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR POSTGRADUATE SUPERVISION
NOMINATION STATEMENT FOR DR JANEMAREE MAHER
BY
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Dr Maher is a very well-organized supervisor. I admire it as well as feel comfortable in her mechanism of supervision. We set up dates of my submission for works and dates for meetings together. Her feedback is always comprehensive and insightful. She not only reads the whole works thoroughly but also makes notes of anything that needs to be taken care of, down to the grammatical issues. In discussing my works, she is always supportive, enthusiastic and prepared. She provides me with a separate supervision feedback sheet that indicates the date of the supervision, the general impression of the works, the detailed inputs, comments and feedback, and the suggestion for moving forward. Thus, she gives a clear direction to me of what areas I need to work on. She pumps a very optimistic spirit into me especially at the times when I do not feel I have not done enough. At the same time, while she is disciplined and well-organized, when necessary she is also prepared to be flexible. For example, when we have agreed that I should submit on a certain date, but due to different reasons, mostly personal and domestic affairs, such as illness (both myself and the children) and other personal constraints, she can work around the dates of my submission of works without sacrificing the overall discipline that we have agreed upon. Her input towards the thesis is enlightening. She is a highly able supervisor who not only understands the essence of the academic project of her students but also the sense of personhood that matters to her students.

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BY NEETI ARYAL KHANAL

The most important aspect of JaneMaree's supervision is her ability to make student feel that she is always available for any support in their work. She always responds to email full of queries and anxieties relating to literature search or clarifying any concepts relating to thesis. Once she said that 'we both are working towards a common goal: to produce really good quality of work in the end'. Dr. JaneMaree has a great sense of humour. Thus, each meeting with her is always motivating and refreshing. In our several meetings, she has initiated talk about my future plans and career aspirations. She has continuously encouraged me to think about taking my current research topic further to PhD. She has encouraged me to start working for publication soon after I submit my thesis. She has helped me to develop a strategy for publication. I aim to start working on it soon after I submit my thesis.

I am submitting my thesis in 2009. I am going back to Nepal in August. Dr. JaneMaree along with other staffs of CWSGR has made my time in Monash truly memorable. I learnt so much and also discovered that so much there is yet to learn. I know within my heart that I will always be in touch with Dr. JaneMaree in future. Working with her for more than a year, I feel more confident about my research and writing skills. She is role model for my future academic career. With her excellent supervision skills, she has shown how much a difference a supervisor can make in student's research journey. I was so happy to know about the prestigious Vice-chancellor's Award for Postgraduate Supervision. Nominating her for this reputed award is definitely a most wonderful way of letting her know what a difference she has made in lives of several students including me that she has supervised over the years. I sincerely believe that she truly deserves this award. I feel so proud to have the opportunity of being one of the student nominators.