International Practicum Exchange (Teaching Assistantship) for November to December 2019 or May to July 2020

Details:

1. **Introduction**

1.1 NIE is partnering universities from **Europe, America, Asia and Oceania** to offer a practicum exchange programme for Year 2 BA/BSc (Ed) student teachers. Student teachers chosen for this practicum exchange programme will undergo their 5-week Teaching Assistantship (TA) in a school in any of the countries.

1.2 If you are interested in applying for this practicum exchange programme in **November** or **May**, please must submit the completed application form found in your Student Portal by **31 August 2019** and **15 January 2020** respectively.

1.3 Please read through the information contained in this announcement before applying.

2. **Practicum Exchange**

2.1 **Eligibility Criteria**

2.1.1 This Practicum Exchange is open for student teachers who meet the following criteria:

- You must be in your 2nd year of the BA(Ed) or BSc(Ed) programme OR crossover from Diploma cohort,
- You are due to undergo the 5-week Teaching Assistantship for your next practicum,
- Your CGPA is 3.60 and above at the point of application,
- You must maintain your CGPA at 3.60 and above after the release of examination results for the semester.

2.2 **Application**

2.2.1 Application form can be found in your Student Portal.

2.2.2 All applications for this practicum exchange programme in **November** or **May** will close at **10am**, on **31 August 2019** and **15 January 2020** respectively.

2.3 **Selection interview**

2.3.1 Candidates may be scheduled for an interview.

2.3.2 The interview will be held in September or February depending on the period of practicum exchange programme you have applied for. The dates will be confirmed later. As the selection process is kept tight, **rescheduling of interviews may not be possible**.

2.3.3 During the interview, you will be required to:

In less than 5 minutes, explain
• Why you wish to go for this practicum exchange and why you should be chosen
• Talk briefly about your learning journey at NIE
• Answer any questions that the interviewers may have

2.3.4 This offer is contingent on you continuing to meet the CGPA of 3.60 and above after the release of the latest results. Failing to meet the minimum CGPA requirement will automatically disqualify you from the practicum exchange.

2.4  **What to expect**

2.4.1 The 5-week of your practicum exchange should take place from either **November to December 2019** or **May to July 2020**. The exact timing of the practicum exchange period will be announced at the NIE Exchange Fair.

2.4.2 Expectations on successful candidates will be same as that for other student teachers undergoing their TA in Singapore. Details of what are expected of you in the TA can be found at [http://www.nie.edu.sg/practicum/practicum-structure/undergraduate-programmes](http://www.nie.edu.sg/practicum/practicum-structure/undergraduate-programmes).

2.4.3 You will have a virtual supervisor from NIE for your practicum exchange.

2.5  **What are expected of successful candidates**

2.5.1 Successful candidates for this exchange programme are also ambassadors of NIE and Singapore. Hence, you are expected to maintain the good name of the institute and the country.

2.5.2 You are expected to abide by the laws of the host country, as well as abide by the rules and regulations of the host university and school.

2.5.3 In accepting the offer for this practicum exchange, you are also consenting to securing your own finances to pay for the costs associated with this exchange, without any further financial support from NIE or MOE.

2.5.4 You may be called upon to share your experiences with your peers or juniors back at NIE after completion of the practicum exchange.