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Dear John

### **University Teaching Awards 2023: John Willis Awards**

It is with great pleasure that I write to confirm that the Awards Committee has awarded you a special Commendation. I would like to offer my own, and the Committee's, sincere congratulations on such an outstanding achievement. Usually you would not meet the criteria for this award as you have been teaching for over 10 years but the panel felt you deserved a special commendation for your continuous support to students.

As always, a significant number of nominations were received for the University Teaching Awards this year and, overall, the quality of the nominees was extremely high – a credit to their Departments, Faculties and Schools and to the University.

The Committee selected you for special commendation for this award following an impressive set of nominations and supporting statements from both staff and students, as exemplified by the quotes below.

*“He also provides extensive support to his students who are bereaved, and consistently prioritises this type of pastoral support over other elements of his work role – so much so that, when John was awarded the Mary Tasker award in 2019, he chose to miss the awards ceremony to provide support to a student who had recently experienced a close family bereavement.”*

*“He has an outstanding track record as a Lecturer, and this attests to his creativity as an educator, deep commitment to teaching, and ability to inspire students. He consistently receives excellent student feedback and is amongst our most highly-rated Lecturers in unit evaluations.”*

*“I can with my full heart say that John is the most dedicated teacher I have had my entire undergraduate experience. His commitment to teaching is beyond admirable.”*

*“He speaks to and with his students in a way that makes us feel equal to him, creating a learning environment that is few and far in between; comfortable, open, innovative, and engaging. John's passion and care for teaching is the only thing that hasn't made me turn away completely from pursuing a career in academia.”*

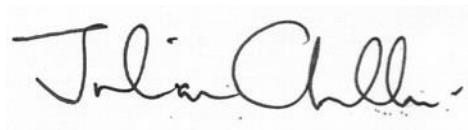
*“Again, the passion he has for his research and for his students is incredibly admirable and I consider myself so incredibly lucky and blessed to have been his student.”*

If you would like to receive further feedback on your nomination, please contact Steph Kamffer ([szk22@bath.ac.uk](mailto:szk22@bath.ac.uk)), Centre for Learning & Teaching.

I wish you well in your work and look forward to receiving further nominations in recognition of your achievements in future years.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Julian Chaudhuri". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the name.

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