

**IGS Scholar's Name: Niu Li**

**Research Centre: ROSE**

- 1. Your current employment details (Designation, name of company, country and scope of work)**  
Postdoctoral associate in Rice University, do research on face recognition and human activity recognition for health care.
- 2. What motivates or trigger you to pursue a doctorate?**  
Because a bachelor degree is far from enough for hunting for good jobs.
- 3. Why or how did you decide to apply to IGS or the interdisciplinary route of research?**  
Because it is a good choice to have access to cutting-edge research.
- 4. What is your thesis about?**  
Domain adaptation and generalization for visual recognition.
- 5. Why did you choose this topic and how does it benefit people or industries globally or internationally?**  
Because my supervisor is interested in this direction and my lab mates are all doing this direction. Generally speaking, the problem I tried to address generally exists and my approach can benefit a wide range of algorithms.
- 6. What kind of interaction did you have in IGS? How did that help you?**  
Research seminars. Some of them are enlightening and inspiring.
- 7. What are the challenges you faced during the candidature and how did you overcome it?**  
At first I don't know what research is and how to do research. Then, under the supervision of my supervisor and with the aid of my lab mates, I gradually master how to do research.
- 8. What was your proudest moment or fondest memories over the years of candidature? E.g awards, overseas conference, patent, published papers, etc.**  
Overseas conference in Switzerland and Chile. Research intern in Berlin, Germany.
- 9. What do you think are the attributes for PhD students to successfully go through the 4 years?**  
Work hard and work smart.
- 10. Please share 1 key motivational/ key take away message with your juniors?**  
Put your heart and soul into research. Value your youth.
- 11. How does it feel like when you received the scholarship offer?**  
I felt honoured and excited.

- 12. Share with us some memorable photos you've taken with 1 line description of each photo. (e.g. Overseas conference, interactions in IGS, etc)**



My friends and me (the guy on the right) at ECCV14 conference in Zurich, Switzerland.

- 13. What will you miss after graduating?**

Cosy life and tough Ph.D grind in Singapore

- 14. What is your next adventure / challenge or any plans for the future?**

Hunt for a faculty position.

- 15. Is there anything you want to say to your family, supervisors, mentors, friends or anybody?**

Thank you for all! Thanks to your help and support, I can survive the past four years and get my Ph.D degree smoothly.