Bo Yang first joined the group as an URECA student. After an exchange in Edinburgh, he eventually returned to NTU and the group as a graduate student, together with two others (Shirley and Zhiyong). He won himself an A*STAR graduate scholarship to undertake his PhD studies under joint supervision by A/P Leong WK (NTU), Dr Chen Luwei (ICES) and Prof Robert Raja (Southampton).

Bo Yang was publishing even as an undergraduate, having produced some very elegant work on electron-deficient chain clusters of ruthenium and osmium. For his PhD work, he settled on the synthesis of NHC-containing heteronuclear clusters, as precursors for bimetallic heterogeneous catalysts.

It has been a long trek to the PhD, and the journey has included working trips to Southampton, Melbourne (for an ongoing neutron diffraction study), and of course, Jurong Island. Still, he is finally leaving the group as Dr Chor!