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# **Video Title**

The title of the video is “Ismat Shah – Five Ways to Forge Human Connections.” The video is one minute and fourty-six seconds in length.

# **Video Description**

This video shows Dr. Ismat Shah sharing tips for enhancing instructor presence in online classes.

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As faculty, it's more important than ever

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for us to forge a human connection

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with our students.

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Hi, my name is Ismat Shah.

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I'm a professor of Material Science and Physics.

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I'm also the director of

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Energy and Environmental Policy Program

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in the Biden School of Public Policy & Administration.

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In any environment

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but especially as most of us continue

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to operate remotely,

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our students need to feel confident

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that there is an expert

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personally guiding their educational experience.

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Engaged faculty directly support students' success

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in the classroom

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and persistence in their degree programs.

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And the good news is

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that small actions

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can often make the biggest difference

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when it comes to instructor's presence.

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Here are five things you can do now

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to create meaningful connections

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with your students.

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Make your Canvas site your own

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by recording a small, quick

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video introduction.

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It doesn't have to be fancy

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but should capture your energy

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and teaching style.

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Craft a communications plan.

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Schedule time

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to email your students in advance of deadlines

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and following major assignments.

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Remind them

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that the work they're doing matters.

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Create opportunities to offer personalized feedback

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and allow students the opportunity

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to share mid-semester feedback with you.

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And finally, be clear about how students can get help--

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whether that's through office hours,

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email

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or dedicated review sessions.

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Visit the UD Faculty Commons website

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where you'll find more resources

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for online teaching.

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Together, let's help our Blue Hens achieve greatness.