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Postgraduate study starts later in life: *we all know that.*

For some, it might start right after a bachelor's degree; it becomes an option between staying in academia or taking that first step into their careers.

For others, it might only come along after their kids had graduated from university. Or when they're already sitting in an established position at work; This choice can be made through their own will and capabilities.

But still, it starts later in life – no matter your age. The **postgradasia** team believes that it doesn't matter where you are in life. Whether you're just about to hang your graduation robe inside your wardrobe or trying to get that promotion in your current job. When postgraduate study calls out to you, there's no better time to answer it than now.

On that note, we have curated fresh content for the magazine this year. There are some new perspectives, from figuring out the right moment to apply for your postgraduate course and where to do it, to the many mental health issues that have plagued the academic community for a long time now. We also looked at the fake degree shenanigans that have taken place over these past few years. Sometimes, seeing the community in a bigger picture can be helpful in deciding your next pathway.

Postgraduate study starts later in life: *we all know that.* But how much later in life and how important is it for you to take that leap of faith?

We leave it up to you.

~~~~~ *Benny Razali* ~~~~~



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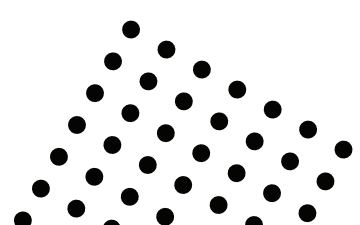
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# CHOOSING POSTGRADUATE LIFE

Giving you the final push you need  
to make that leap of faith.

With the intent to face your doubts and worries upfront, we have compiled a number of articles that would be helpful and relevant for you to ease your mind:

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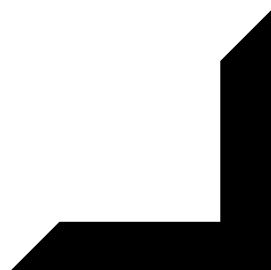


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# LEVELLING UP: POSTGRADUATE QUALIFICATIONS

Finally thinking of continuing your studies but not sure where to start? We propose that you familiarise yourself with all of the options available to you first.

**P**ostgraduate study is an umbrella term for any formal education you undertake after achieving your undergraduate degree. It is not just a one-way route to an academic destination, so here are some of the programmes that you should know before you proceed.

## Postgraduate certificate/diploma

How are these postgraduate qualifications different from a Master's? The main difference is that they are less research-based; a student in a postgraduate certificate or diploma course is not required to produce a dissertation. Some have an academic focus similar to the content of a Master's, whereas others are more vocational and include work placements.

## Master's degree

In the postgraduate hierarchy, a Master's is one step above an undergraduate degree but sits below a doctorate. It is the most popular choice among those who are looking to take up a postgraduate qualification. The most common reasons for pursuing a Master's are to have a more in-depth study of a particular field, to take the first step in an academic career or to contribute towards their career advancement.

A typical taught Master's programme requires 12 months to complete while a full research Master's programme may take 18 to 36 months. Master's degrees vary greatly from the type of course you are on and your mode of study, so make sure you are aware of your different options.

## Doctoral degree (PhD)

Doctorates of philosophy are lengthy research programmes that are available in virtually any field. They are usually the terminal degree for most fields, especially those pertaining to research. Unlike other postgraduate qualifications which have a variety of study modes, the PhD only allows for research.

In most higher education institutions, the minimal entry requirement for a doctorate is usually a Master's degree, though some may allow entry to undergraduates who graduated with high distinction. A typical PhD may take between three to five years to complete on a full-time mode and twice as long through a part-time programme.







## Others

### Professional qualifications

Professional qualifications are titles awarded by professional bodies specifically related to a certain industry or profession. Traditionally, you will need to have completed an undergraduate degree in the relevant field in order to take this qualification. Some careers require you to have the relevant official qualification in order to progress or even begin as a professional in that field. Due to the vocational nature of the qualification, work experience alongside or after your study for this qualification is usually a mandatory requirement.

Examples of professional qualifications are the Certificate of Legal Practice (CLP) for Malaysian lawyers, and those offered by accounting bodies (eg ACCA, CIMA, ICAEW) to be recognised as a chartered accountant.

### Conversion courses

These programmes are for those wanting to pursue their higher studies or career in a field that is vastly different from their background study at undergraduate level. They can act as a stepping-stone in a postgraduate degree journey or they can be valued by employers as stand-alone qualifications. However, conversion courses are still more popular in countries such as the UK and have yet to gain much momentum in Malaysia.

Common conversion courses include those in the areas of law, psychology, IT, medicine, education, accountancy and business. The length of the programme varies according to the type of course and whether it is done full-time or part-time. <sup>p</sup>



# FIVE REASONS TO CONTINUE...

A postgraduate qualification is a journey towards success and **postgradasia** is here to assist you in having a clearer view of it.

‘What you do today can improve all your tomorrows.’ – Ralph Marston. Surely, your decision to finally pursue that postgraduate course has something to do with preparing for your future. But it is important to really know what your goal is so you won’t even have the slightest chance to doubt your decision of embarking on this journey.

Read on to see if one of these five reasons is yours.

## To teach and research

Postgraduate study is a must-do for those who intend to be a part of the academic sphere. Teaching at the degree level and above would require at least a postgraduate qualification, but if you genuinely enjoy conducting research, writing scholarly papers and contributing to the expansion of human knowledge, you might want to seriously consider being a researcher in academia through your postgraduate studies.

## Landing a good job

The job market has been tough in Malaysia over the past couple of years. Hence, a postgraduate qualification could be a good strategy to be ahead of the game in getting yourself a job! The knowledge gained and gruelling hours dedicated to completing your thesis or other assessments will undoubtedly contribute to your personal and career development, further enhancing your employability prospects in the near future.

## Following the passion

Passion has always been the best motivator for a postgraduate student amongst the organised chaos. If you feel a genuine interest to broaden and deepen your knowledge in a particular field, then do it! What

are the perks of doing a postgraduate qualification in a field that you love?

- It lends prestige and weight to your research and intellectual studies.
- Grants access to immediate resources and manpower the academic community has to offer.

## Gaining more miles in the career journey

Postgraduate study is not limited to fresh graduates. In fact, it is highly recommended to those of you wishing for advancement in your career. You may either choose a field that is directly related to your undergraduate degree or study something completely different. For an example, you may already have a law and criminology degree but later believe that a postgraduate qualification in psychology will benefit your career, so why not just go for it?

## Honing skill sets

Upskilling is the process of acquiring or sharpening skill sets that are required for a specific profession or area of expertise. At some point in your career, you may find that you are lacking certain skills or techniques that are absolutely essential for your career progression. Postgraduate study is an academic opportunity for you to acquire those skills through a tertiary institution.

Getting a postgraduate degree seems like a chance to take that one leap of faith for most people, because it is more of an option than an obligation. It opens up chances that might be limited if you’re only satisfied with your undergraduate degree. But there are always two sides of everything, so read on to the next article!



# ...AND FIVE RISKS TO CONSIDER

Quoting famous author and motivational speaker Simon Sinek: 'There is no decision that we can make that doesn't come with some sort of balance or sacrifice'.

**N**ow that you might have some thinking points as to why you should pursue your postgrad studies, here are the five risks to take into account before getting the higher education that you want.

## Financial strains

Continuing to postgraduate means there needs to be planning and budgeting to be done so financial dilemma won't deviate you from your study later on. On the other hand, there is quite a number of scholarships available to help you with your fees. While there's a misconception that only the brightest candidates would get the aid, break out from this stigma and just try for every scholarship offered that is relevant to your course. There's absolutely nothing wrong with exhausting your options.

## Delayed career start-off

From time to time, the thought that you could've already been in your second year of working (like all your friends) would intrude your mind. But opportunities are different for everyone; that's why you grabbed your chance to do postgraduate study right after your first degree. A delayed career start-off doesn't mean you won't have a successful career at all – you're just investing more time in your preparation!

## Greater commitment

Most postgraduate students usually think they can slack off during postgraduate study because of the research skills they have acquired while pursuing their bachelor's degrees. Please be reminded that the same (if not higher) standards are expected as a benchmark for your future dissertation. You should never be too comfortable with minimal research. Try to figure out other ways to collect your resources and stay updated

with the current journals and issues, especially those that relate to your field of study.


## FOMO (Fear-Of-Missing-Out)

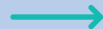
You may find yourself juggling your time for classes and meet-ups with your supervisor, worrying about your finances, and maybe your part-time night job. Watching your friends from a distance as they are slowly building up their career paths and gaining work experience brings out the terrible feeling of missing out on those opportunities in life. It is important for you to know that desires are endless while needs are limited, so remember that completing your study is currently your highest priority and focus on it instead.

## Risk of 'burning out'

'Burnout' is a state of mind (and body) that is no stranger to a postgraduate student. The severity of burnouts has been taken out of context due to the normality of the phrase. You are well aware of the commitment required of your financial and time, but sometimes burnout and stress would come without warning even though you've been successfully keeping them at bay for the whole semester. Be mindful of your capacity of handling stress and your workload – and if it gets too much to handle, please seek for help!

Granted, the doubts will keep creeping into your mind even after you've made the decision to pursue your postgraduate studies. But remember, your success won't grow beyond your sacrifice.

The best thing for you to do after you've done this little calculation of pros and cons on your own is to close your eyes, leave all your unnecessary overthinking behind and just take that leap of faith. 



# POSTGRADUATE Q&A

No one should embark upon a postgraduate degree with misconceptions about what it is really like. Here are some questions you should ask yourself before committing to postgraduate study.

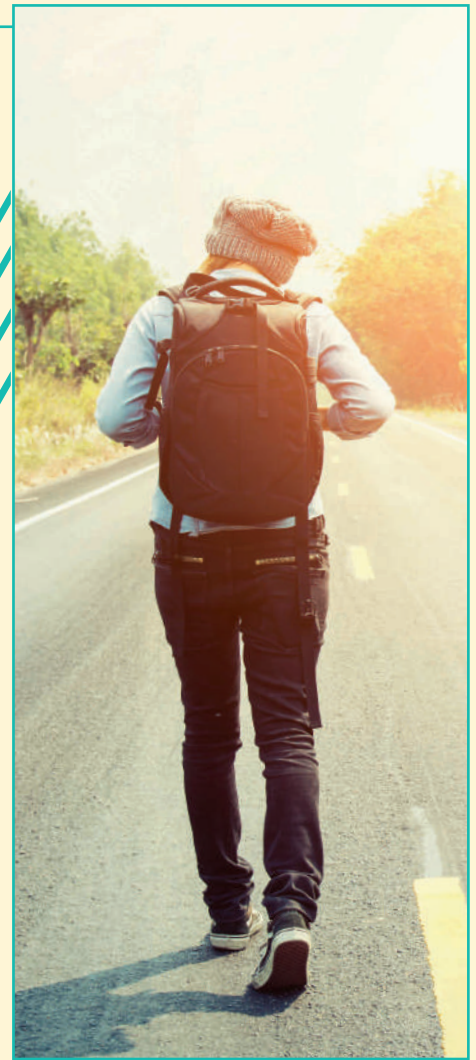


## 1 'Is this just my escape route away from the working world?'

In the working world, it's easy to get burned out and think about getting out of employment. Some working adults fall into the trap of jumping at full-time postgraduate study as a ticket away from their nine-to-five desk jobs. However, it is not advisable to see a postgraduate course as a getaway from your working life. Although you may be free from your boss, office and workload, you will be faced with examiners, the library and deadlines instead. Neither is it recommended to pursue postgraduate study simply because you don't want to look for a job yet – more often than not, those who do so find that they have just prolonged their period of indecision.

## 2 'Am I under the impression that it will be just like my undergraduate degree?'

Every stage of education differs when it comes to learning style and expected outcomes. Before you undertake a postgraduate degree, make sure you are aware of what you are getting yourself into. Do not just assume that taking a postgraduate qualification will be a similar experience to your undergraduate degree. For example, a research-based Master's would be quite different from an examination-based bachelor's degree with minimal research components. Even if you are not pursuing a postgraduate qualification by research, the assessment and teaching methods may be significantly different from how you carried out your prior study. Postgraduate qualifications are pursued in different formats compared to undergraduate study and you should take note of these variances.





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### 'How good are my time management skills?'

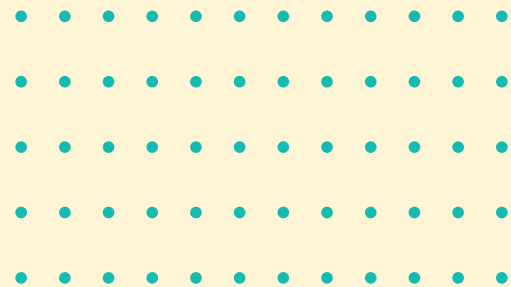
One thing any postgraduate student will tell you is not to underestimate the importance of time management. In fact, the taxing aspect of time management could be one of the main factors that differentiate a postgraduate degree from prior study. You will usually have less contact time with lecturers and supervisors while doing a postgraduate degree, but you are expected to put in a lot of independent hours to achieve a certain level of knowledge throughout your course. Moreover, it becomes increasingly difficult to juggle postgraduate study if you are also working alongside your course. You would have to balance your schedule between being an employee and student in addition to your responsibilities as an adult.



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### 'Have I taken the social aspect of a postgraduate degree into consideration?'

Some people are under the impression that pursuing a postgraduate qualification is a long and lonely road. They picture long hours spent locked up alone in a laboratory with no one to talk to, but this is hardly an accurate depiction at all. Many postgraduate students cite the chance to network as the best part of their postgraduate qualification. They find it an invaluable opportunity to be able to meet with esteemed and like-minded people in their field, as well as learn from coursemates from diverse backgrounds. Quite a number of postgraduate courses incorporate knowledge-sharing and peer review into their learning structure. Not only do these opportunities add to your postgraduate life, they can also prove helpful in your career and network later on.



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### 'Have I planned for life after my postgraduate degree?'

Although it may be tempting to live in the *que sera, sera* moment in life, you should have some idea of your plans post-postgraduate study. For example, do you want to pursue a lifelong journey in academia and research? Make this known to your supervisors and members of faculty as you go along your postgraduate course. Are you planning to start your own business or get that big promotion soon? Expand your network and have meaningful conversations with your coursemates who have more experience than you. A postgraduate degree is not just about obtaining a piece of paper or blindly producing a written thesis. Have an idea of what you would like to achieve at the end of your course and do your best to make that happen while you are on it. 



# THE RIGHT REASONS FOR DOING POSTGRAD

Be clear of your motivations and reasons before pursuing postgrad for career advancement.

Are you thinking of doing a postgrad course to move up the corporate ladder? Perhaps you want to get out of your current industry and move on to greener pastures? Either way, you must first understand your reasons before plunging head-first into the world of postgrad studies.



## Why?

### Ask yourself 'Why?'

Take the time to ask yourself why you're doing this. Or, better yet, speak to someone who has done a postgrad course for his or her career. This would help enlighten the subject for you. Clarity is crucial here because a postgrad course can be filled with frustration, problems and unpleasant surprises if you are not in it for the right reasons.

If you are considering a postgraduate course for career advancement or future-proofing your career, do your homework and dig up some facts to back up your plans. According to the *postgradasia Survey 2017*, 54.3% of the respondents pursued postgrad studies for their career advancement. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 18% of all jobs will require a Master's degree by 2022 (sorry, we couldn't find any Malaysia-based statistics on this).

Facts like these can greatly help you decide on your next course of action, and help you make informed decisions which you will most likely not regret in the future.



## What?

### Ask yourself 'What?'

Not all industries hold postgrad degrees in high regard. It is just the nature of the beast. For example, people working in the media industry are quite unlikely to pursue a postgrad course to further their career advancement, unless they have their sights on moving into a different industry. If you're working, find those who did their postgraduate studies in the company or people of the same industry. The next step is to get their advice: there's nothing better than hearing their first-hand experience when going through that period of time.


What you want to achieve here is to determine if pursuing your postgrad studies can help you bounce back into the working world as a better qualified and better skilled employee. After all, a postgrad course takes up invaluable time, effort and money – you deserve to get your returns on investment at the end of it!

## How?

### Ask yourself 'How?'

Another thing to ask yourself is 'How do I intend to do my postgraduate studies?' and 'How am I going to finance it?' According to the *postgradasia Survey 2017*, 52.9% of the respondents stated that they prefer to do their postgrad studies full-time while 49.7% of them said that they would much prefer doing it part-time.

The second question is perhaps more important as it directly impacts your lifestyle. No matter which mode you choose, you should figure out a solid financial plan for your postgrad education. A good place to start is to surf the 'Find Scholarships' section on [postgradasia.com](http://postgradasia.com) ([www.postgradasia.com/scholarships](http://www.postgradasia.com/scholarships)).

If you're employed, you can ask your company if they are able to offer you financial assistance for you to obtain your postgrad degree. Some companies have employer sponsorship to fund their employees to obtain a higher qualification for their career advancement. So be sure to do thorough research on this before starting your postgrad journey. 

# STRAIGHT OUTTA BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Are you thinking of going straight into academia right after hanging up your graduation robes? Wondering where the differences start between working life and postgraduate life? **postgradasia** is here to help you with your train of thoughts.

**Y**ou browse social media and realise that everyone has gone their own way right after graduation. Some got married, some started the business they couldn't stop talking about throughout the final year, and a couple or two just... fell off the grid. But surely, *most* of your coursemates and friends jumped right into the working world because it seems to be the most sensible option for fresh graduates.

*Most*, but not all. Not you, at least. Because the academic field seems more appealing to you. Perhaps you feel like there's more to be unveiled within the world of academia and that your growth will be imminent there. So, what's stopping you?

## A great jumpstart

If you think academia is only suitable for 'people who have their lives completely sorted out', may I invite you to think again? Academia does not exclude fresh graduates like you. Your lack of experience does not disqualify you from the pursuit of a postgraduate.

Everyone has to start somewhere. Everybody started with inadequate knowledge at one point. That is the whole purpose of *studying*, no?

In fact, starting postgraduate right after your bachelor's degree saves a lot of your time as you are fast-tracking yourself into the next level of education. As you progress in your postgraduate classes, your vision will eventually be clearer. Is academia for you? Are you more interested to work in a corporate setting for a change? The deeper you dig into your research, the more situations you overcome, the clearer your vision will be. Who knows, you might even start that humanitarian project you've always dreamt about.







### Fresh brains, fresher outcomes

If, right at this moment, you are asked to write a short paper for an assignment, do you reckon you'd be able to complete the citations and references accurately in APA or MLA styles? Chances are your answer is yes. It's been barely six months since you completed your undergraduate thesis – relevant methodologies are still fresh in your mind! This could help you heaps in adapting towards being a postgraduate student.

A common issue that 'older' postgraduate students face is the age-old difficulty of adapting to the academic surrounding that they once knew. Very few professional jobs deal with the formality of research papers and the like – hence the process of relearning can be quite a tough one for older students to transition into. According to some of these students, they even put off completing their citations to the very last minute, even though they have completed their papers way ahead of deadline. All these issues stem from being away from the world of academia for too long a time.

Thus, being somewhat in touch with student life will help you get on with your research planning. Completing your citations would be easier for you. Attending classes and camping at the library will become second nature.

### Money is the anthem of success

It's true that money is not everything. But we make things move when we have money. Student loans, bills and rent are monthly headaches for most of us. Now, where is that fat pay check that we so desperately need?

According to *HiredNow's 2017/18 Malaysia's Salary Guide*, the starting salary for fresh graduates with nil experience in Malaysia ranges from RM1,800 to RM2,900, depending on the field. However, according to the website [www.payscale.com](http://www.payscale.com), someone who enters the working field with a postgraduate qualification with no working experience would have a minimum starting salary from RM2,500 to RM3,500. Quite a difference there, don't you think?

It takes approximately one to two years to complete your Master's degree – depending on your course. As a part-time postgraduate student, it could stretch up to four years. These additional years of studying definitely adds to your credibility, your knowledge, and eventually the worth of your deserved salary.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. It's your turn to go deeper, unveil more of what lies beneath and turn it into an intricate ice carving for others to see. Good luck! 🍀



# NEVER TOO LATE: APPLYING AS A MATURE STUDENT

You've filled in the forms. While waiting for your application to go through, you begin to question if it's too late for you to restart your academic journey. You shouldn't and **postgradasia** is here to elaborate.

If you're worried about your experience as a mature student may not live up to your younger student days, you should stop worrying yourself sick. If you haven't already realised, you now have the higher ground.



## Financial capability

After years as a working professional, you've built a steady flow of income that gives you stronger purchasing power, access to credit and savings for your own security. This means you can afford to skip fundraising for your studies this time round and spend more energy to focus on your coursework and assignments. Now that you are older and wiser, managing and organising your finances should be much easier than it was during undergraduate days.

## Knowledge base

Your working experience and personal skills developed throughout the years should provide you with organisational skills such as communication skills, negotiation skills, and knowledge that extend beyond the classroom. Your wide range of knowledge will be extremely beneficial to your study group. This will also be advantageous during discussions with your supervisor as you would be able to convey your ideas to them effectively.



### Clear goals

You've weighed out the pros and cons of pursuing your postgrad studies. Whether you want to have a huge career change, to further enhance your skills or perhaps you want to finally take a step into the world of academia, you've made your decision. With a clear goal in mind, your time will be spared from experimenting different study cases or reviewing unnecessary references. This should motivate you to keep going throughout your studies.

### Accessibility

As it stands, you have the advantage of accessibility in choosing a postgraduate course of your interest. Many postgraduate programmes require candidates to have a minimum of two to four years' of working experience (eg CFA, MBA, etc) because management skills add credibility to your qualifications. Leverage on your work experience as it qualifies you to enrol into a wide variety of programmes – be it taught or research.

### Networks

The professional network you've made in the years you were building your career creates layers of connections for you to tap in for information. This means you are exposed to a larger bank of resource, which will tremendously help in completing your study. Each person that you know within these layers brings in different ideas and perspectives that will not only become inspirations for your dissertation, but add credibility to your research as well.

Learning is a lifelong journey, so it is definitely not too late for you to restart your education journey as a mature postgraduate student. Put the doubts and uneasiness from your mind aside; embrace your second chance at being a student again with a positive attitude. ➔

# LOCAL OR OVERSEAS?

Doing it in your home country or overseas? It's a common debate amongst those who want to pursue postgraduate studies, so **postgradasia** has listed the benefits of both options for you to weigh them out.



## PURSUING IT LOCALLY

So, you're thinking of doing it here in Malaysia, the country you were born and raised in. Here's what you should be looking forward to:

### Surrounded by familiar culture

Getting familiar with foreign culture while doing your studies definitely takes time and effort – but not a problem if you're doing it locally. Not that there won't be anything different at all; it just takes away the overthinking and anxiety from you so you may focus better on your course.

### Closer to family

To most people, family is the one thing that keeps them grounded. Sure, technology connects us whenever we want and wherever we are these days, but nothing beats the human touch you get from them once you're home after a tiring day of classes and work.

### Working and studying

Usually, international students are not allowed to work while studying in certain countries as it could be seen as misusing their student visas to work in a foreign country. But since you are studying in your own country, you are not restricted under this law.

### Commitments

Commitments – financial, professional and personal – start as soon as you finish your first degree, and they will continue to grow over the years. Doing postgraduate studies locally will make it easier for you, especially for mature students with work experience, to manage your commitments without jeopardising your studies.



## PURSUING IT OVERSEAS

But wait! There are also exciting experiences that await you if you decide to do it overseas:

### Practicing new languages

Learning new languages is always exciting! This is your time to recollect those third language classes you took during your undergraduate studies within the community that speaks it. There is no better way to master a new language than putting yourself straight into the heart of it, no?

### Travelling opportunities

Especially if you are studying in Europe, this is your chance to use their super-efficient (and affordable) public transportation system and visit the neighbouring countries. Students are usually bestowed with discounts for tickets and fees as well, so take your time collecting souvenirs from the other side of the world.

### Developing cultural awareness

As you are mixing with the international crowd, you will be exposed to different cultures from different nations all over the world. This exposure helps you in developing cultural awareness – a professional skill that gives you the ability to decode any oncoming misunderstandings in an argument between people of different roots.

### A wider network

Your connections shouldn't be limited to only the international community you know within your campus. Take your time to know everyone around you, from all walks of life. Create a network that can open doors of opportunities for you, and be one of the nodes that might do the same for someone else. ➔





# LOGGING IN: ONLINE EDUCATION

Cautious about doing postgraduate online? **postgradasia** is here to give you reasons to consider online education as a viable study pathway.

Online learning has been under scrutiny for many years by many people – and for good reasons, at that. A few frequently discussed issues include confusing transfer credit policies of schools, accreditation issues, time management difficulties, and some are simply uncomfortable with the idea of learning outside the traditional classroom, without in-person interactions.

While these are all valid thoughts, let's look at the bigger picture of things. There are many positive outtakes from learning from the net, and here is a list that aims to help you decide if it is the right fit for you.



## Good practice on time management

As big of a challenge it may be to motivate yourself to attend your online classes, don't you think this would be a great reason to start bucking up and to be more disciplined?

Having good self-control and self-motivation to see an online course to its completion is a sign of professionalism, and it also shows that you have what it takes to succeed in life.

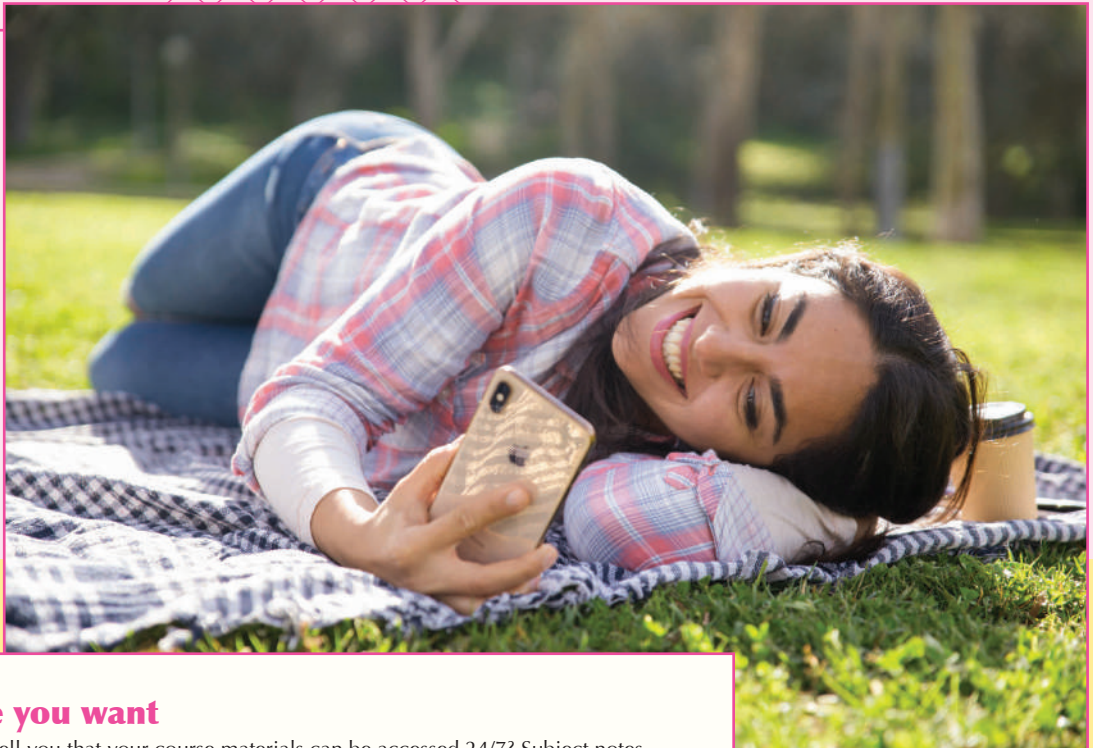
## Skill gained: Multitasking

Additionally, opting for an online postgraduate course allows you to work and study at the same time. Studying while working is a great skill that leaves employers impressed. Not only does it showcase your excellent time management skills, it also highlights your ability to focus on your priorities. A great skill to include into your résumé, if you ask us!

## Accessible from anywhere

Say goodbye to driving to campus and rushing through traffic, hoping time would stop so you can make it to your morning class on time! Since all you need for your class is a PC or a laptop and good internet connection, you can join a live classroom even from your bed. This is a very good option for long-distance learning, as this method is already being opted by some Ivy League universities.





### Anytime you want

Also, did we tell you that your course materials can be accessed 24/7? Subject notes, schedules, assignments, and lessons will never leave your side. Aside from online lectures, you can rest assured knowing that whatever resources or information you need, you have complete access to it. Faced with an emergency today and unable to make it to class? Fret not, just head online. It's all there.


### Variety of majors

When it first began, online courses were available mostly for business schools, especially MBA courses. But as time progressed, academic institutions developed more options for majors to be taken online. Now you can obtain a Master's degree ranging from business and education to psychology and professional writing with just a few clicks!

### Do it at your own pace

Online postgraduate courses were started because some people were not able to commit to the traditional brick-and-mortar classroom due to various circumstances. Everyone learns at a different pace; some quicker than others. Some want to complete their postgraduate studies without egging on other people to do the same. Having your postgraduate course done online surely is a better option for them.

Online postgraduate courses are more than just a virtual classroom that is set to comply with the growth of technology – it is a life-changing choice that can be made by those who want to fulfil their dreams and move further in their careers without jeopardising the current lifestyle they are in.

In the end, everybody aims to live in an environment that elevates their quality of life, as well as having endless options on how to reach their potential. 

# STRIKING A BALANCE: WORKING & STUDYING

Not willing to quit your current job, yet not letting go of the postgraduate studies offer at the same time? Well, when there's a will, there's a way.

**W**orking a full-time job and studying at the same time is not something uncommon among those who want to do their postgraduate without any financial hiccups. But how do you find the balance between attending classes and completing your tasks at work?

## Failing to plan is planning to fail

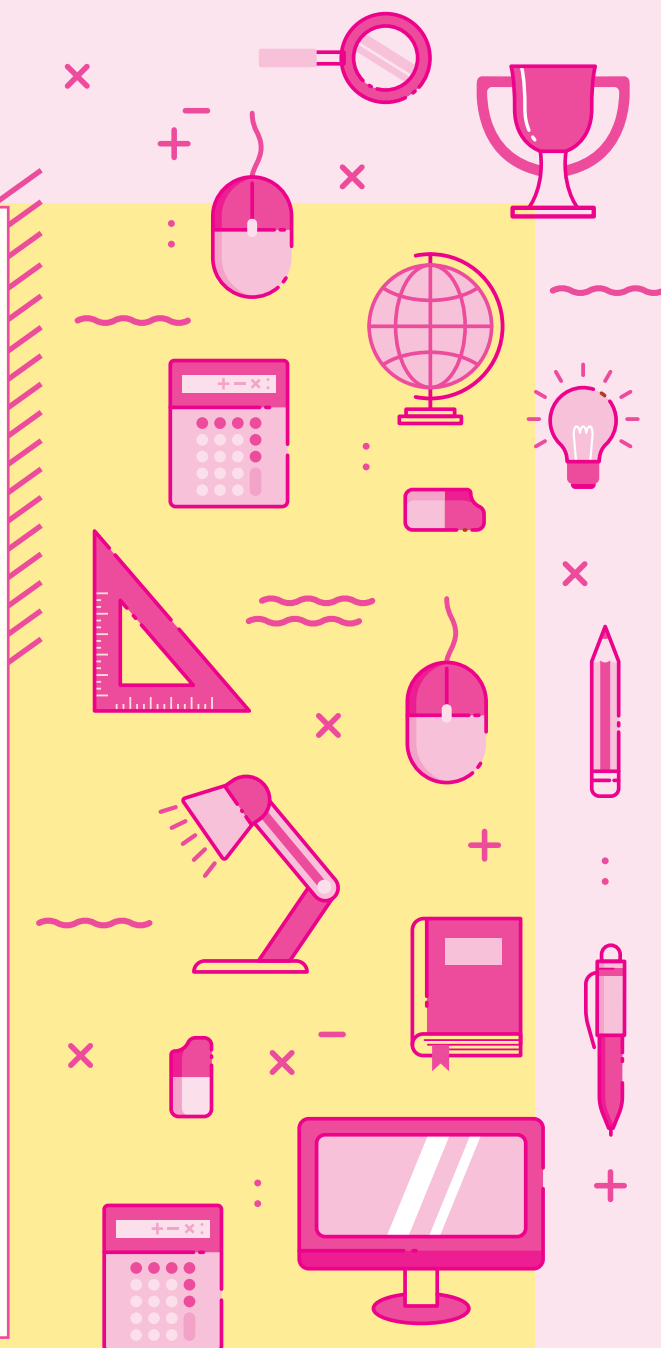
Get yourself a planner! Make sure to visit your university's student portal at the beginning of every semester, and jot down all the schedules for classes, assignments, deadlines and exams. Keeping track of timelines helps you to prepare the materials, block your calendar for important things even before the semester starts, and definitely calms your nerves as the dates approach. Make sure to do the same thing with the meetings, proposals and project deadlines that you may know of in the office, too.

## Let it be no secret

Let your boss and colleagues know that you are pursuing your postgraduate study. Employers are usually more reasonable than you think, especially if your course is related to your profession. It shows that you are committed to advancing your skills and knowledge, and that add values to the company. They might take it easier on you as you need to study, so you will probably be spared of late nights at work, and your colleagues might cover for you during exam weeks as well.

## Technology is your friend

... especially smartphones. There are a number of apps you can download to assist you in your studies and work at the same time. If you are taking a course that needs you to go to classes on weekends or at night, apps like *Microsoft Office Lens*, *Flashcards+* and *My Study Life* can help you manage your student life. On the other hand, *24ME* is useful if you need to have a digital planner (or even a personal assistant) as you can set reminders for tasks that are nearing their deadlines at work. Just try and search for the apps that you think would make your life better, okay?






### Sleep is not just for the weak

Never discount your sleep just to finish an assignment or work! Your brain will always be running on overdrive – so it needs to rest at night to ensure that you can fully function the next morning. Going to bed early and waking up early to study is better than going to classes without enough rest, or attending a WIP meeting with triple shots of espresso. You wouldn't want to jeopardise your health and lower your productivity, would you? This means that you really have to plan your schedules accordingly, so you won't have to rush things at the last minute.

### Take good care of yourself

Never skip your meals! Stop avoiding doctors when you don't feel so good on a certain day! If you are sick, take a sick leave from office, and inform your professors that you'll be absent from classes that day. Yes, we know you are capable of juggling your study and work at the same time, but it's not worth sacrificing your health in order to achieve both. Doesn't matter how determined you are in reaching your dreams, your achievements are useless if you can't enjoy them due to rotting health. So befriend your doctor, and don't forget to put your medical appointments in your planner as well. 







# LIVING POSTGRADUATE LIFE

Providing you the list of things to prepare you for postgraduate study.



We studied the important things you might need on your list, and we present to you these articles for assistance:

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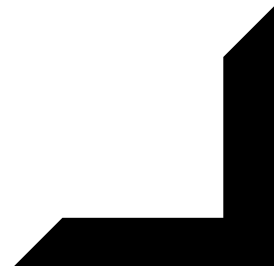
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# GOING THE EXTRA MILE: POSTGRADUATE OPEN DAYS

You've thought it through, and you've finally decided – *now* is the right time for your postgraduate study. Now it's time for you to visit the university's postgraduate open day before your enrolment.

**O**f course, you must be thinking: you can look up the course, study the facilities and benefits from the institution of your choice by just going to the institution's website and by calling them. The results of your personal research paired with thorough online information should've been enough for you to make up your mind, so why should you physically attend the postgraduate open day?

## Soul-searching

Being assertive about the course that you want to pursue is great but it's also good to talk to professionals, ie programme coordinators or subject specialists. This can help you understand the pathway that you're choosing. For instance, these experts can help you figure out the things that are important for your postgraduate studies – be it professional accreditations or a recommendation of

a different course that's compatible to your first degree. They will direct you to specific programmes in line with what you are looking for, saving your time on browsing through booths without a plan.

## A clearer description

Speaking to academics will help you get a clearer vision of the course you are aiming to study – like the details on assessment methods, its links with the industry and what to expect once you're out in the work field. You are also encouraged to speak to students who are currently doing their studies to get insights on the course and not to mention other benefits of the institution that are only shared with students. Don't worry, you can usually find them assisting booths at postgraduate open days from time to time.





### REMEMBER TO:

- Prepare your questions.
- Never expect for information to be handed to you! Come with a list of questions that you want answered so you will have a clear plan by the end of the day.
- Check the open-day programmes.
- Figure out if the key people you want to meet will be there. Understand that they are professionals with busy work schedules and utilise the time you get with them, efficiently.
- Be open with your options.

While you are certain with the course you want, you might find another path for you after talking to the professionals. Don't forget to check out other courses from other faculties as well.

## Chase the seniors


Sometimes, alumni of the institution would get invited to the open days to talk about their studying experience and their careers after university. Reading about people's success stories is definitely different in comparison to listening to them first hand. Meeting the alumni might give you a clearer perspective of what you can do after your postgraduate studies and it prepares you to fully utilise your time during your studies. This will help you with your career pathway to achieve your career goals.

## Updates on funding

Funding is an essential element when thinking of doing postgraduate studies, it's only natural that the institution's bursary office would have a booth at the open day for your inquiries. In Malaysia, Perbadanan Tabung Pendidikan Tinggi (PTPTN) and Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) would usually have a booth as well, since they are among the biggest fund providers here. Take this chance to find out about updates and news regarding possible postgraduate education funding. Sometimes this information may not be listed on their website, so you should visit their booths and get as much information as you need.

## Live preview on-site

This is also the time for you to check out the facilities of the institution, especially if you're enrolling for a full-time postgraduate course. Try to get the feel of the environment of the institution – figure out where the library is and its operating hours, places to get the best coffee in campus, the cheapest food court and printing places with cheap prices. See if the atmosphere fits your lifestyle so you will be comfortable enough to start your course when the time comes.

We understand that postgraduate study is a huge investment in both time and financial aspects. This is why going to a postgraduate open day at the institution of your choice is technically a test-drive. You can ask all the questions that cannot be answered through emails or phone calls, or by browsing their web page – before you put your money and time into it. 

# APPLICATIONS 101: RISKS & RULES

You've done your research, looked up the university and even went to the postgraduate open day to check the place out. Your mind is now made up! But we're only getting started, so don't lose your way during the application process and keep up with us as we assist you along the way.

## THE RISKS

### First, let's get into the modes!

Postgraduate qualifications can be undertaken in a variety of different modes:

- Do you want to attend classes or do your own research?
- Are you pursuing your studies while working?
- Will you be studying in person or online?

Consider all the options and choose the mode of study that is best for you.

## TAUGHT VS RESEARCH

### Taught courses

#### Method of study:

- Lectures and seminars
- Face-to-face and/or online interactions with lecturers and tutors.

#### Assessed through:

- Examinations
- Coursework (assignments, reports, projects, presentations, etc).

Taught courses are a better option for those who are less inclined towards conducting research and producing a thesis as a result of their postgraduate study. However, some courses do require the submission of a final-year paper or a short dissertation – it's important to compare assessment methods to find what is suitable for you.

### Research courses

#### Method of study:

- Minimal classes/independent study on area of focus
- Thesis research.

#### Assessed through:

- Scholarly articles published in academic journals
- Presentation of thesis (viva voce).

You can expect many hours of studying independently on your area of focus with regular check-ins with your supervisor. Not all research-based programmes require students to produce scholarly articles for publication in academic journals as part of their degree, but most do. Viva voce is the ceremony of defending your thesis before a board in a presentation at the end of your studies. Although it is usually more common in more advanced postgraduate degrees such as doctorates.

## FULL-TIME VS PART-TIME

### Full-time study

#### Pros:

- Your lectures, seminars and contact with members of the faculty will take place during the day on weekdays
- No classes in the evenings or long stretches during the weekend
- A great choice if you want to immerse yourself fully into student life and the academic environment.

#### Cons:

- You won't be able to pursue a degree full-time while holding a full-time job
- Requires financial consideration on your part
- Late career start.

### Part-time study

#### Pros:

- Suitable for those who want to pursue their studies alongside their full-time jobs
- Allows you to gain a postgraduate degree without giving up your source of income
- Classes are held on weekday evenings or the weekend so they won't interfere with normal work days.

#### Cons:

- It usually takes twice as long to complete compared to a full-time course and requires much sacrifice of your personal time.



## FACE-TO-FACE VS DISTANCE LEARNING

| Face-to-face                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Distance learning                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p><b>Pros:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All classes or interactions with your supervisors will take place in person on campus in your university.</li> <li>• Able to make full use of the campus facilities, especially if your course needs you to utilise the laboratories.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As you need to be physically present at the university campus, you'll have to factor geographical logistics such as transport and accommodation into consideration.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Pros:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allows you to access learning materials, listen to pre-recorded lectures and contact your lecturers or supervisors over the internet</li> <li>• Can be done according to a timeline scheduled by the course provider or in a more open-learning fashion at the student's pace</li> <li>• Offers the advantage of having access to courses and professors not available locally</li> <li>• The highest amount of flexibility for working adults.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cons:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geographical logistics such as high-speed internet can be an issue for those living in areas with vulnerable connection.</li> </ul> |

Once you've found the study mode that fits your schedule, we can go straight into the technicalities of your applications.





# THE RULES

## It's time for the application!

Once you've decided to embark upon the postgraduate journey, you will need to pass the admissions stage for the course at a university of your choice. Here are the things you need to prepare when applying for a postgraduate course.

Most of the admission information and application forms are available on the university's website or will be provided upon request.



## Entry requirements

Always check for a programme's entry requirements as these vary between courses and universities. Different courses may have different selection criteria; for instance, some courses may emphasise on academics and research while others on working experience and extracurricular accomplishments.



## Forms and documents

You can apply through the university's web application system or by filling up an e-document and sending it online. This takes away the hassle of printing and compiling a sheaf of papers, but any supporting documents will have to be scanned and attached to your online application in the appropriate format.

List of supporting documents commonly requested for the application process:

- Academic transcripts and degree scrolls of all university-level studies
- Copy of applicant's NRIC or passport
- Certificates of achievement or extracurricular activities
- Proof of English language proficiency (if necessary)
- Academic referral letter from previous mentor and/or head of school to attest your academic capabilities.



## Personal statement

You will probably be asked to write a personal statement to support your application as a chance for you to convince the institution in writing why you should be given admission. You should convey to the reader a sense of your identity and motivation for your application.

A personal statement should be straightforward and honest. To stand out from the crowd, relate each points to the course you wish to study, and avoid generic and impersonal phrases.

A good personal statement should cover the following:

- Your academic achievements
- Your non-academic skills and extracurricular activities
- Evidenced and knowledgeable interest in your intended subject of study
- Why this particular course and university would benefit you and vice versa?



## For research programmes

For a research-based postgraduate course, you may need to choose and make contact with your potential supervisor as well as prepare a research proposal as part of your application process. Both choices of supervisor and proposal must be accepted before you can be admitted into your postgraduate course. This is more common in PhD programmes but may also form the basis of application for some research-based Master's courses.



## Interview

Some postgraduate courses invite applicants to an interview as part of the selection process. You should expect to cover the same points mentioned above in the section about personal statements, as the purpose of the interview would be to uncover whether your experiences, achievements and interests make you a good candidate for the course.

Treat the admission interview as you would treat an interview for a job. Act and dress professionally, come prepared and make sure you speak clearly, knowledgeably and enthusiastically.



## International students

If you are applying for a course in a country different from your country of origin, you will be considered an international student. p

Factors you need to be aware of when making an application as an international student:

- Visa requirements
- Institutional support
- Financial considerations (differences in fees and availability of scholarships for international students).

The application process may take a longer time and thus have an earlier deadline than for local students.



# COMPETING AT THE INTERVIEW

**postgradasia** takes you through the postgraduate admission interview journey, including preparation methods and ways to ace it!



**W**hy do universities conduct interviews for their postgraduate programmes? If a course only admits a small intake of students each year due to its level of competitiveness, these admission interviews act as a great filter to determine the best candidates. You are also very likely to be called to an interview if you are applying for a scholarship, funding or any financial assistance.

## What they want

What does it mean to be the best candidate? What exactly are they searching for? At the very basic level, there are three things you should aim to possess before walking into that interview room!



## ADMISSION INTERVIEW MUST-HAVES

- 1) **Knowledge.** Fundamentally, a postgraduate course is a pursuit of higher knowledge and you will want to show the institution that you have prior understanding and the capacity to expand upon it. This can be proven through previous related qualifications as well as extracurricular learning and self-study.
- 2) **Experience.** In some fields, having a relevant work history can be an added advantage (or even a prerequisite) before furthering your studies. This could be in the form of full-time employment in the industry, working experience during your undergraduate study or involvement in pertinent projects and activities.
- 3) **Skills.** Nowadays, it is increasingly common for universities to seek for well-rounded students who have other things to offer besides just their academic history. Take inventory of the hard and soft skills you have and find a way to relate these skills to making you a better asset to the institution.

The questions are typically the same in most admission interviews. A smart hack would be to come to a clear thought process before the actual interview. Be prepared to answer the following questions:

### Why do you want to study this course?


This is a question that is intended to kill two birds with one stone: it gives your interviewers the chance to find out more about yourself and also see whether you know enough about your prospective course. Use this opportunity to explain the interests, motivations and personal experiences that have led you to apply for this course, and show that you have done the appropriate research on what your study will entail.

### Why do you want to study at this institution?

If your chosen university is highly-ranked and very prestigious, it is worth bearing in mind that many would consider it an incredible opportunity to pursue your studies there. If this is the case, you should be ready to convince them that you do want a place at their institution, and that they should give it to you.

### Know your interview

There are different kinds of interviews and your preparation will vary according to each type. For instance, some universities are fairly lenient when it comes to the interview process and are willing to conduct it via telephone or Skype. There are also interviewers who simply want to meet you to get a feel for the kind of person you are and judge your communication skills at surface level. Nonetheless, not all interviews are this straightforward.

For courses that are skills-based, you may be asked to undergo assessments alongside your interview to prove your capability. This could be anything from an on-the-spot test or written problem to a role play, presentation or oral quiz. Find out what you will be faced with and prepare to perform accordingly. As for research-based programmes, it is not uncommon for the interview to include a short presentation where candidates explain their proposed research. 

### What about interviews that are related to postgraduate funding and scholarships?

Whether you are attending an admissions interview that includes an application for funding, or applying for a scholarship during which you have to pass an interview stage, do not forget to prepare for this aspect in particular. Is the financial aid offered means- or merit-based? Read up on the background of the grant or scholarship and actively convince your interviewers that you are deserving of it.



#### THINGS TO REMEMBER

Refresh your memory on what you have written in your application beforehand.

Bring the necessary documents and be prepared for tests or presentations, if any.

Arrive punctually and dressed in the appropriate formal attire. Practise basic interview etiquette – give a firm handshake and maintain eye contact.

Speak clearly and communicate well. Do not get flustered or try to bluff your way through by using clichés and jargon above your level.

Aim for a polite and friendly air. Do not be afraid to show some of your personality and let your interviewers get to know you.

Most importantly, you should use the interview to showcase your knowledge, motivations and plans and relate them to the course you wish to study.

# IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Finding the money to do a postgraduate degree sounds stressful, but it doesn't necessarily have to be. **postgradasia** explores some of the funding options available.

It's easy to get flustered when thinking about how to fund your postgraduate degree. However, it's important to take a step back and properly consider your options. Could you get your studies fully or partially funded by another party? If not, what are the resources available to you?

## HELP WITH THE FUNDING

Here are the different ways you could get financial assistance for your postgraduate studies. These forms of assistance do not require financial repayment, although they usually require a return in some other way.

They could either cover a partial amount or the whole of your course fees.



### SCHOLARSHIPS

**For:** Merit-based in nature, they are for high achievers who have a lot of potential to offer those who are giving out the scholarships.

**Offered by:** Many organisations, from corporations and universities to the government.

**What is it:** The most commonly sought-after form of financial aid, scholarship providers pay for a percentage or all of the course fees, with some also providing additional living expenses.

**The catch:** Scholars are generally required to maintain a certain grade while pursuing their studies. They may also have to serve their benefactor for a stipulated term, usually as an employee of the company.



### GRANTS

**For:** Grants are awarded to students with the purpose of funding their individual research projects. Some grants take into account the financial needs of the applicant.

**Offered by:** Traditionally government and non-profit organisations (eg research councils) but now corporations and universities as well.

**What is it:** The purpose of a grant is to generate more research projects in a particular area. Therefore, grants are generally more research-specific than scholarships.

**The catch:** You will have to select a course or project that is relevant or beneficial to the grantor and provide regular process reports on your research project.



## TEACHING OR RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS

**For:** Those particularly interested in pursuing a career in teaching and academia, or research and laboratory work.

**Offered by:** Universities.

**What is it:** Allowances are provided in exchange of services in teaching or research. Teaching assistants provide support to professors by conducting tutorials and grading assignments. Research assistants help faculty members with research projects.

**The catch:** Unlike scholarships and grants which cover your fees outright, assistantships are more akin to working part-time alongside your studies or during term break. However, you do pick up invaluable and very relevant skills by doing so.



## EMPLOYER-FUNDED

**For:** Employees who are planning to stay long-term within a certain company and interested to further their studies in areas that will be beneficial to their employer.

**Offered by:** Companies, usually those with an allocated fund for employee development and education schemes.

**What is it:** Financial aid could come in the form of an interest-free loan or a full sponsorship. Good performance after you have completed your studies would usually result in a promotion or better remuneration.

**The catch:** For loans, you may be required to serve for a corresponding period and pay it off through salary deductions. Alternatively, some companies also offer bonding services where you are required to serve the company for a number of years instead of returning the loan, or in return for sponsorship.

# OTHER OPTIONS

Even if you can't get a third party to help fund your studies, that doesn't mean postgraduate study is lost to you forever!



### Education loans

You can get a loan to fund your studies which you pay back with interest once you've completed your studies. Education loans can be obtained from universities, corporations, associations, banks or even from relatives. Interest rates vary, so research carefully before accepting a loan.

PTPTN is the main education loan provider for Malaysian students who are pursuing studies locally due to its low interest rates. Loan servicing starts six months upon graduation or when employment commences, whichever comes first. You will not be bonded after completing your studies.

### Personal savings

It may be more practical to use your own savings instead of applying for a loan, especially when the interest rate for the loan is higher than that of your fixed deposit. Furthermore, if you are doing your postgraduate part-time, it is more than possible to finance your studies from your savings and ongoing income.

Those who have accumulated substantial savings in their EPF accounts may withdraw money from Account 2 to fund their postgraduate studies. If you have not been working or contributing consistently to your EPF account, you can get your parents to draw from their EPF savings to help you fund your education.

### Tax incentives

Although this is not a direct source of funding, it will certainly help lighten the load. To encourage life-long learning, the government offers up to RM5,000 of tax relief per annum for the pursuit of postgraduate studies at recognised institutions or professional bodies. Additionally, you can also enjoy tax relief up to RM1,000 on book purchases. More information can be found at the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia. [➔](#)



# WE'RE UP ALL NIGHT TO GET FUNDED

**postgradasia** takes you through the things you absolutely need to know when applying for various types of funding.

**A**s seen from the previous article, help with funding isn't necessarily limited to scholarships only! There are several sources of financial assistance available to you, and they all require different methods of application.

## Scholarships and grants

Arguably the most applied to of all financial help, this application process is usually pretty similar to applying to the course itself. In fact, some universities have the practice of accepting the applications for entry into a postgraduate course and for funding as one.

### • Academic excellence

Good grades tend to be an absolute must for scholarships and grants. You'll need all your academic transcripts, proof of any academic prizes won and possibly letters from academic references.

### • Outside of the classroom

You'll want to show that you're made of more than just your grades. The application form will likely have a section devoted to extracurricular activities and/or work history. Make the most of this opportunity to show that you are a well-rounded individual who has useful skills and experiences under your belt.

### • Showing you're the right person

This is usually displayed through a written personal statement or a written response to the question 'Why should we award you this scholarship?' Some institutions also award scholarships as prizes to essay-writing competitions as a way to test your research and writing skills.

### • Finances

For means-tested financial aid, you'll have to declare your personal and household income to prove that you are in financial need. This could include documents such as your payslip and income tax filling statement.

### • Interpersonal skills

Many scholarship and grant committees now include an interview as part of the application process. This could range from an initial telephone interview to a full panel interview in front of academics and admission officers. This is where your communication skills, interview know-how and confidence come into play.



### TIP: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Many applicants consider the essay or personal statement the toughest part of the application process, so allocate your time accordingly. Make sure that your response is free from errors and try to make it a powerful and convincing piece of written work.



## Assistantships

Due to the nature of assistantships, the application process for these are more similar to job applications than applying for a course. You'll still need to demonstrate good grades, but your application form should highlight your interests in the relevant area of research and good working ethics. Thus, if you have any relevant work history under your belt, make sure you include it in your application. You must also prove that you are able to take on the additional workload in addition to your course – a well-rounded résumé alongside academics would be able to show this.


## Employer-funded

The prerequisites here would be: stellar performance at work and good relationships with your superiors and colleagues. You must also be prepared to explain how your postgraduate study will add benefit to your employer. Acquaint yourself with the various talent development initiatives offered by your company and find out more about how to apply – different companies have different application processes.

Make your interest in furthering your studies known to your superiors and through the proper channels, convince them that funding your endeavours will lead to a value increase in their human capital in the long run. However, make sure you research the bonds and conditions of any financial assistance you seek, especially if you see yourself switching employers in the near future.

## Loans

When it comes to loans, you should worry more about the researching stage than applications. Approach it as you would when shopping to make a purchase – compare prices, look for the best value and read the fine print carefully. Always ensure that you can comfortably manage the interest rate and repayment period of any loan you take.

Loan applications can be quite clear-cut, but they may also be rather stressful as they also require quite a bit of financial paperwork. Give yourself plenty of time to consider all your options and get together the necessary documentation, and don't forget to take into account the time you'll spend waiting to hear back from the loan provider. 



### TIP: TIME MANAGEMENT

- Keep track of deadlines
- Don't leave things to the last minute
- Remember to consider that some paperwork takes time to acquire eg statements from banks, employers, etc.



# LIFE SUPPORT: SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOU

We compiled a list of grants and scholarships available – locally and internationally – to assist you in planning your finances during postgraduate studies.

In the last two articles, we shared with you the types of funding available for your postgraduate studies, as well as the general qualifications and the papers you should prepare before applying. Now that you have them ready, it's time to look up our list for the scholarships and grants that would suit you.

Time to get your phone out and type these names on Mr Google!

*This list is not exhaustive. While all efforts have been made to ensure that the information is correct at the time of publication, it is the sole responsibility of prospective applicants to verify the most current scholarship application information, especially deadlines, by contacting the awarding body or organisation directly.*

## MALAYSIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

- Intel Malaysia Scholarship
- Khazanah Watan Scholarship Programme
- Malaysia International Scholarship
- Malaysian International Scholarship @ APU
- Merdeka Award Grant
- Science & Technology Research Grant (STRG)
- Tabung Kumpulan Wang Biasiswa Negeri Selangor
- Top Glove Scholarship
- UPM-ELS Scholarship
- Yayasan Bank Rakyat PPBU
- Yayasan Dayadiri Public Service Programme
- Yayasan Sarawak Scholarships
- YSD Employees Education Programme

## INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- A\*STAR Graduate and Postdoctoral Scholarship
- Asian Development Bank Scholarships in Asia and the Pacific
- Astro Scholarship Award
- Bank Negara Malaysia Scholarship
- Biasiswa Yayasan Bank Rakyat
- Chevening Scholarship
- Commonwealth Scholarships
- DAAD Scholarships
- Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarships in Australia for International Students
- Human Life Advancement Foundation Science & Technology Scholarships
- International Education Specialists International Scholarships
- Khazanah Scholarships
- Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) Scholarship
- Malaysian Australian Alumni Council Scholarship
- Maxis What's Next Scholarship
- New Zealand ASEAN Scholarships
- New Zealand International Doctoral Research Scholarships
- OWSD PhD Fellowship
- SEARCA Scholarships
- The Tun Suffian Scholarships
- The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Fellowships and Research Grants

## INSTITUTION SCHOLARSHIPS (LOCAL AND OVERSEAS)

- Curtin Sarawak Collaborative Research Scheme
- Heriot-Watt University Malaysia Scholarships
- Hong Kong Baptist University International Postgraduate Scholarships
- IIUM Postgraduate Scholarship
- International Medical University (IMU) Financial Aid
- INCEIF Financial Assistance
- Khazanah-INCEIF Scholarship Programme
- Kingston University Postgraduate Scholarships
- Limkokwing Merit Creative Scholarship
- Malaysia Australia Colombo Plan Commemoration (MACC) Scholarships
- Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology (MJIT) Postgraduate Scholarship
- Manipal Global Education Services (MaGE) Partnership Bursary
- Menzies School of Health Research (HWSP)
- MMU Postgraduate Merit Scholarship
- MMU Sports Excellence Scholarship
- Monash University Scholarships
- Nanyang Technological University Singapore Scholarships
- NUS Graduate Scholarship for ASEAN Nationals
- Open University Malaysia (OUM) Scholarships
- Sunway University Postgraduate by Research Scholarship
- Sunway University Research Scholarship for Master's and PhD in Malaysia
- Sussex Malaysia Scholarship
- Swinburne University of Technology Scholarships
- Taylor's University Scholarships and Financial Aid
- The Chinese University of Hong Kong Studentship and Scholarships
- The University of Sheffield Scholarship for students from Malaysia
- UCSI University Trust Scholarships
- UiTM Postgraduate Teaching Assistant (UPTA) Scheme
- UKM Postgraduate Scholarships
- University of Malaya Scholarship and Finance
- Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) Postgraduate Financial Assistance
- Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) ASEAN Scholarship
- Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) Postgraduate Financial Aid
- UNIMAS Zamalah Scholarships and Awards
- University of Glasgow Scholarships
- University of Nottingham Post-Graduate Taught (PGT) Scholarship
- University of Strathclyde Scholarships
- Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Financial Assistance and Scholarships
- Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Fellowship Scheme
- Universiti Teknikal Malaysia (UTeM) Skim Universiti Pascasiswazah Biasiswa Penyelidikan
- UTM Malaysian-Japan International Institute of Technology Postgraduate Scholarship
- UTM School of Graduate Studies Biasiswa Yang di-Pertuan Agong

Remember, do your own research – look up the deadlines, the qualifications and documents needed, as well as the interviews that might take place before your applications are approved by the awarding bodies. May the odds be ever in your favour. 🍀







# SETTING EXPECTATIONS

Having too many thoughts about starting your postgraduate journey but not getting the answers you need? **postgradasia** is here to help you refocus your expectations.

It is only normal for you to have your own expectations about your postgraduate studies, especially after you finally make it to the course you want. At this point, you are no longer worried about whether it will be hard for you to make new friends, or if you will fit in the class discussion anymore. With the experience you have during undergraduate studies and working years, chances are you will. Instead, you might want to focus on these important questions that you should ask yourself:

## Will it be harder than my first degree?

Your timetable for Master's would be much lesser than your undergraduate's, but since it involves facing more difficult material on an advanced level, the amount of preparation you need to put in is higher, and more self-directed, independent study will be needed. But preparing for classes means you'll get more out of them, and when the time comes to finally write your dissertation, you'll have shelves of ideas to choose from.

## Do I need to be an expert from the start?

Not necessarily. Sure, people would expect you to have at least the foundation of the field you're studying with your undergraduate degree, but postgraduate studies, like any other level of education, is a learning process, not a contest. Instead of trying hard to always have the right answers to all questions, accepting that you don't know everything will be the right way for you to start learning new things.




## Will I still have a social life?

Managing your social life on top of being a graduate student is definitely your own responsibility. It depends on how strictly you manage your time, prepare materials for your classes and assignment, and your keenness to keep in contact with your peers. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, so remember that you always have the option to go out and shave the stress off your shoulders from time to time, alright?

## Will it be useful to me?

Are you thinking of using this degree for a stepping stone for your profession, or just an extended knowledge that you would like to have? Your answer to this question might depend on your field specialisation, but there are general transferable skills you can gain from your postgraduate studies. Project management, presentation skills and professional writing skills will always be useful to you, no matter where your passion takes you.

Going into your postgraduate studies with a number of expectations is good, motivational even. But sometimes, expectations can also be out of control as your imagination runs wild, and negative feelings such as irrational fear and self-doubt will come to surface. The best thing you can do when these feelings start to threaten your decision is to take a deep breath, calm yourself down and remember that while some expectations might come true for you, you might end up getting a few nice surprises as well. 





# KEEP ROLLIN': HOW TO STAY MOTIVATED

**'People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing. That's why we recommend it daily.' – Zig Ziglar.**

**M**ost of the time, what's hard about a journey of postgraduate study is neither the start nor the end of it – it's about what's happening in between. Waning motivation is a problem that we heard from postgraduate students too often, so we've got a few pointers ready for you to keep going through the journey, come hell or high water.

## Plan ahead!

Once you have your schedule at the start of the semester, start to note all the deadlines for assignments and projects somewhere you can always see. Our suggestion? Your smartphone. Estimate the time you might need to finish them and how you would get them done within those time limits. Having a rough framework on how to get these done can motivate you to start on them sooner, and helps you to balance other commitments you might have in advance.

## Declutter your space

Keep your shelves, study desk and house clean. People with 'restful' and 'restorative' homes tend to be happier with better mental wellbeing, in comparison to people who describe their homes as 'cluttered' or 'messy'. Ever wonder why we feel more optimistic after we cleaned our house? This is because the act of organisation gives a physical signal to our brain that we are capable of being orderly, which results in feelings of affirmation, boosting our confidence and self-esteem along the way.



## Keep fit!

A simple 10-minute sit up bench should be enough after two hours of sitting at your desk in the library. It's also easy to fall back into an unhealthy diet of snacks, instant ramen and soft drinks when time is rarely on your side, but where there's a will, there's a way. Replace the snacks with easy-to-make sandwiches rich with veggies (you can do the shopping during weekends and budget them wisely for the whole week) and cut off the soft drinks altogether. Don't sacrifice your sleep over assignments too often.


## Start with small goals

Keep small goals that are attainable and possible to achieve within short time frames. This will give you a sense of achievement and boost your positive thoughts especially about yourself. Start small, such as cleaning your bedroom for the day, or give your cat a bath, or just finish the list for groceries you need this week. Setting up goals that you can accomplish each day, rather than pushing yourself to get more things done but end up not completing any and feeling less productive will help you to build momentum for your motivation.



## Make yourself laugh!

If all the coursework, assignments and projects are getting overwhelming, take a deep breath, tap on that Netflix icon in your gadget and immerse yourself in some good comedy shows. Just like your body, your brain also needs a time-out when it gets tired, and laughter is usually the best medicine. Of course, every person's taste is different, so choose whichever makes you happy. Just remember to control yourself from bingeing on these entertainment shows, which could mess up your timeline by doing so.

As Lou Holtz once said, 'it's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it.' Postgraduate studies are stressful; everybody is aware of that. Sometimes you wonder if the reason you're starting yours is enough motivation to get you through, and it's normal. Motivations can be interchangeable throughout your journey, and you don't have to stick with just one. Taking one step at a time is alright, as long as it is bringing you forward and further to your destination. 



# NETWORKING DURING YOUR POSTGRADUATE STUDY

**postgradasia** explains why it is important for students to widen and diversify their connections during their postgraduate studies.

**H**umans are social creatures, thus explains why networking is an essential skill in our daily life. We exchange information, collect resources and maintain our reputation by staying connected to everyone and everything around us. In this article, you'll find why being well-connected all-around – be it with the highly regarded key personnel of a certain field or your fun-loving course mates – will reward you in ways that might have never crossed your mind.

## What is it with networking?

*Benefits, obviously!* Making the effort of connecting with people comes with lots and lots of benefits. We've listed the most apparent ones here:

- **Higher chance of employment**

The truth is almost 80% of jobs available in the market are not published or advertised. Instead, they use the power of word-of-mouth to find the right candidates for the posts. Securing good connections with the right people could lead you into the start of the career that you want.

- **Developing social skills**

You will have to develop soft skills such as confidence, listening, curiosity, authenticity, and humility as you strive to create a wider network around you. Having these skills will make you become more interesting and unique as a professional and help to attract people towards you.

- **Contributing node**

As you are expanding your own network, you can also become a main start to someone's networking by connecting them to the right crowd they need. This will benefit not just the person you're helping, but you as well as your network will become more varied and wider. Who knows when the favour will return full circle, right?

## How to start networking?

Networking and making connections are important, yes. Yet while mingling with new people might come easy for some people, others are having a hard time to do the same. So what can you do to set things into motion?

- **Get online!**

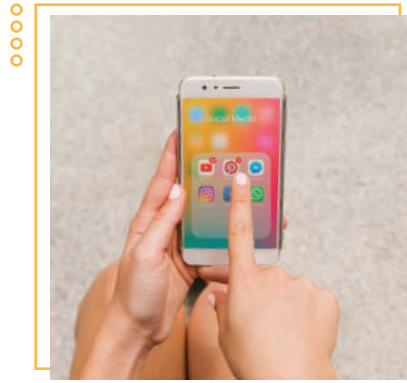
If face-to-face interaction is too heavy of a start for you, then why not use the pre-made platforms you're familiar with – the internet. Social media is a great place to start your networking, as long as you know what you're using it for. Start curating your content to get the right audience you are aiming for. Remember, not just LinkedIn – you can be professional on Twitter and Facebook, too.


- **Go out and have fun!**

It is usually easier for you to meet with big players of the industry in volunteer programmes, charity events and other casual gatherings because hey, they also want to have fun! Once you're there, don't ask them 'what do you do?', instead ask them about their interests and see if you guys have anything in common. Once you have established the connection, everything will flow naturally.

- **Start closer to home (or campus)!**

Start with building good relationships with your lecturers as well as your classmates. Find out if any of them are related to the key people of the industry you're interested in, and ask them politely if they could introduce you to said people. Maintain the relationships even after graduation as they might become the key people you know one day.



Postgraduate study is not just a classroom-bound affair – it is a whole new pathway in life with a series of mini-trials that, if dealt with logic, patience and a spoonful of creativity, will reward you handsomely at the end of your journey. Never be afraid to utilise your networking skills to navigate through your study years as they will definitely lead you to a satisfying career and life that exceed your expectations. 





# PG LIFESTYLE

Bringing you professional insights, peeking into academic lifestyles and sharing some fun tips along the way.

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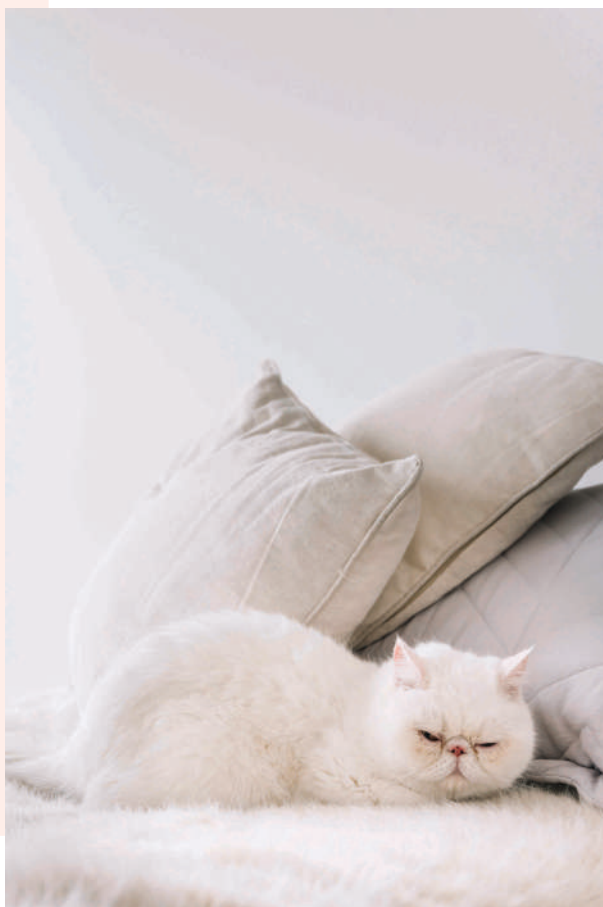
# FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE



NADIA  
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**Benny Razali** met up with **Nadia Rajaram** of Cancer Research Malaysia to talk about work-life balance and mental health among academics in her field.

According to a recent research, about one out of two PhD students experience psychological distress, while one out of three face common psychiatric disorders. Be it a personal or an organisational reason, it is a matter of importance that needs to be laid out under the sun. As a PhD candidate herself, Nadia is familiar with this issue.



## Failure to disconnect

'Usually people who stay in this field are doing it as a labour of love. They're here because they love what they're doing, and it's really hard to disconnect from it. You tend to give it your all at whatever cost, and that includes the quality of your mental health. You're overworked and you know you're stressed out. You want to do the best that you can, but you have limits that you refuse to acknowledge.'

'My experience is quite limited to non-profit organisations and academia in the US, but from conversations I had or the news I read, I can say that we don't really have a very conducive environment for academia. Maybe it's different in advanced countries like Sweden, but in general we don't really make room for discussions that ask stuff like "are you feeling okay or is this too much?"' she issued thoughtfully.

## Burning out

Seeing fellow academics quitting the field has left Nadia with an uneasy feeling in her mind.

'It's really sad – to have the talent but stopping midway because of the burnout. This is a very important issue to be talked about, especially amongst PhD candidates. Sometimes the supervisors can be very tough and they tend to put a lot on the students. There need to be fair assessments of what need to be accomplished in a certain period of time instead of having them to do everything within a specific time strain.'

Nadia recalled a time when even she herself almost quit because of a tough supervisor.

'This happened during my Master's degree. I had a very tough supervisor, but she's tough in a good way.'

'I didn't know where to start my research project, because epidemiology is huge; do I do cancer research, do I do cardiovascular disease, do I do communicable disease or outbreaks? Every time I came up with a proposal, it would get completely shut down because I didn't have the experience to make a good proposal. It felt like I was going around in circles and I would come out of her office in tears. I started to think that I might not be good at this and that was where I almost gave up.'

'It was a tough time, but I appreciate it now because the experience really helped me with framing the work that I do so the output can be meaningful and helpful to others in future research.'



## A continuous journey

To Nadia, even though being an academic can be quite stressful sometimes, she has always been confident that science is the right pathway for her career. Right after SPM, she pursued a bachelor's in Biomedical Science at Grand Valley State University in Michigan, US.

Determined to pursue her newfound love in epidemiology, Nadia decided to apply for a Master's in Epidemiology at Michigan State University and was there for another two years. She promptly began her PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus soon after.

'I'm in my third year of my PhD study now, almost wrapping up, still can't really see the light but hopefully soon enough,' she said it humbly before laughing it off. 'It has been quite a journey and I don't think it's going to stop. Especially with the line of work that I'm in – it's just a lifelong education that continues on, and that's what I like about it.'

# FROM ANIMATION TO LIFE



NELYSA  
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An animation enthusiast since her younger days, observing the growth of the local animation industry has helped Nelysa to make up her mind about starting a career in it. A graduate of Master's in Animation & Visual Effects from University of Dundee, Scotland, she walked me through her experience and thoughts of the industry that we have today.

## Entering the industry

After completing her undergraduate studies in 2014, Nelysa went to work with Lemon Sky Studios as Junior Animator for a year and a half. It was a great opportunity for her as Lemon Sky Studios is a big player in the local animation community, given their extensive list of collaborations with international studios such as EA, Pop Cap, Sony and a few others. But over time, she felt less and less belonged to this line of work.

'The animation industry is based on projects. You usually stay with the company for as long as the project takes to finish, and then you'll be shuttled somewhere else. And I realised that I wasn't prepared for that,' she explained.

Looking for a change of career, she looked for an option on how to become an academic and went back to her alma mater for a chance. 'I already prepared a long list of universities I wanted to apply to, but I still think it's a miracle that University of Dundee finally accepted my application,' she added with a laugh.





## Sensitivity of your audience

'To become an animator is to become a storyteller,' she muttered as she shared a story of the time when she was still proposing her idea for her final project during her postgraduate in Dundee.

'In the beginning, I came up with a dark storyline. It was about a soul who struggled to escape a very dark place, it came out as a water droplet into our world. But then it still got stepped on, splashed everywhere and disappeared.

Someone in the panel was offended with my storyline because it reminded them of a dog they once had. They believed that once a beloved pet passed on, it would be in a happier place, but my story suggested that its soul would suffer even after its gone, and that got me thinking.

It's true that your storyline comes from your own perspective, but each person who watch your animation will have their own story connected to it in some kind of way, so it is very important to be very careful with your plot.'

## Imagine realistically

Nelysa believes that while passion should be a drive to become a good animator, it shouldn't be the only ultimate reason for one to jump into this field.

'Animation is a very wide field; the three main categories within are 2D, 3D and visual effects. You don't simply enter the animation field just to become an animator. For instance, underneath 3D alone you can become a 3D animator, a rigger, a modeller or a background artist, just to name a few. You have to plan your path so that you'll be ready for the industry.'

'If you only follow your passion without really knowing your pipeline of interest, it's going to be so hard for you to find a job that you will be good at,' she added thoughtfully.


## The growth of an industry

Nelysa believes that the local animation industry has the potential to achieve Hollywood standards in another few years but before that can happen, there needs to be a number of improvements at work.

'It's going to take some time for us to build up the animation industry in Malaysia, since it is a costly industry since the software and gadgets used are high-spec. It's also hard to find the professionals with the passion, skills and visions needed for animation. But it's not impossible.'

'The faculty recently had a talk with Les' Copaque Production, and they shared with us the making process of their latest movie production, Upin & Ipin: Keris Siamang Tunggal which took five years to complete. They showed us the first ten minutes of the animation, and also shared that Disney Studios sent them a congratulatory card, which felt like an acknowledgement to them.'

'I think if we're talking about technicalities, Malaysia has quite a number of companies and experts in animation that even made it as far as Hollywood. But even so, we're still lacking the planning for the storyline. We need to really teach our current students how to create a good storyline.'

'But right now, especially with animation companies like Les' Copaque on our shores, I think we are already on the right track towards the growth of this industry in Malaysia,' she ended with a smile. 

# FAKING IT WRONG

**Imagine this: You could have an instant Master's or PhD qualification with just a few thousand ringgit or less, with no tuition fees required or any classes to attend. Would you do it?**

In 2017, a syndicate producing fake academic scrolls was discovered in Puchong. The syndicate claimed that the certificates would come from public and private universities, complete with transcripts, seals of the institutions and signatures of the chancellors. In 2018, another syndicate with similar modus operandi was busted in Petaling Jaya. There are websites in the deep web offering certificates from prestigious universities worldwide, albeit with higher prices.

But the most shocking thing about these discoveries is not the fact that the forged documents look almost identical to the original ones – it's the fact that these marketing tactics are so honest and straightforward towards their target audience. These services urge young adults to buy the certificates through them and skip the enrolling and studying part, saving the time and money it takes to actually get a real degree.

What makes these degree mills so brazen in their marketing?

## Why fake it?

In Malaysia, there is a rising number of high-profile cases in which public figures and politicians have been found to have bought these false academic credentials. In 2016, a famous business motivational speaker who charged thousands for his seminars made it to the headlines when his doctorate qualifications were proven to be forged. In March 2018, a man was accused of using false qualifications to get a job as a lecturer in one of Penang's public universities back in 2008. Earlier in 2019, a number of politicians were discovered to have ascended to their current posts with fake PhDs.

It is a part of our subconscious to have the desire to cheat to get the personal benefits we want. While not everyone is crooked enough to go through the lies, some opportunists would opt for the low road and get instant qualifications to advance in their careers.

But to blame it all on the rush for career advancement would be wrong.

Looking at the issue from a Malaysian perspective, education is a credential that separates one individual from the other, especially for the mid-class category as tertiary education doesn't come cheap for them. Thus, it is normal for them to look up to people who graduated from universities more than they do to those who just finished SPM. This is where these politicians see their chance of gaining votes – by buying themselves the academic credentials that took years for others to complete overnight.

This instantly-gained 'intelligence' sets the tone of how they are viewed in the public eye: respectable figures who know what they are doing, thus no one should argue or disagree with their ideas.


Businessmen, on the other hand, manipulate these fake credentials to gain credibility among their circle, justifying their successes, and attain a wider acceptance. This is because the stigma that stands is that no one would have come to a business seminar conducted by an academically-challenged speaker.



## Authenticity and morality

Honest, hard-working people are losing opportunities because of these unqualified professionals, and the integrity of our country is jeopardised because of these dishonest politicians who are getting places in the administration. But the general public is not going to have this issue die on its own or forgotten.

As the cases increase, they are pressing the government to start combing out these frauds from the roots, and Putrajaya has recently announced the cultivation of database for these academic qualifications given within the country. Stricter safety features are also implemented in the transcripts of universities to counter this problem, and thorough investigations are being done on those who allegedly manipulated these fake documents for their own benefit.

Easy options like these fake degree mills will always make their comebacks, especially with the social stigma that academic credentials are the only things being sought after by employers and the general public. While there are tonnes of ways to prevent them from sprouting, one obvious solution is to stop creating the market that demands it. Transcripts add credibility to your qualifications, not because they show that you have completed the course or finally obtained the knowledge to a certain degree, they prove that you have the patience and morals to stick to the rules and regulations in order to achieve it. 

# IMPOSTOR SYNDROME: A PROFESSIONAL'S UNFORTUNATE PUSH

Maya Angelou once said, ‘I have written 11 books but each time I think “Uh-oh, they’re going to find out now”’. Albert Einstein confided in a friend, saying that ‘the exaggerated esteem in which my lifework is held makes me very ill at ease. I feel compelled to think of myself as an involuntary swindler’.

**T**hese two were prominent members of the society in their respective fields, and knowing that they had these negative thoughts about themselves seems unrealistic. But this is the reality that professionals are continuously facing – the impostor syndrome. What is it exactly?



## ‘They’ll find out eventually’

Impostor syndrome is a mental state in which a person doubts their own accomplishments and ends up having a constant internalised fear of being ‘found out’ by the people around them. They believe that every achievement they made was merely a stroke of luck, and they shouldn’t be credited for it.

## What causes it?

Some experts believe that it stems from one’s childhood experience. If you grew up with high-achieving and talented siblings, you might develop feelings of inadequacy in everything that you do, as you compared yourself to them. On the other hand, others associate it with a person’s personality traits, such as perfectionism.

### ACKNOWLEDGING THE SYMPTOMS

There is a number of possible signs you can see in a person experiencing this syndrome, such as:

- **Worrying that they will not live up to expectations**

They set their goals higher than normal and then blame themselves for their incompetence when it is not achieved.

- **Attributing their success to outside factors**

They never consider their achievements as the result of their own efforts, but consider them as luck.

- **Self-sabotage**

Procrastinating, not taking up opportunities when offered and continuously berating their achievements.

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# COFFEE, TEA, OR MEME?

If a spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down, then surely there must be a remedy for getting through those long hours of studying. Whether it's a blast of caffeine running through your veins, or something to tickle your funny bone, you could use a little something to take the edge off.







Dr Valerie Young, an internationally-known expert and author on impostor syndrome, has identified five types of 'impostors':

### • The Expert

The Experts won't feel like they have accomplished something they are working on until they are perfectly sure that they have uncovered everything about the subject.

### • The Perfectionist

Perfectionists, as their title suggests, aim for perfection and are often experiencing anxiety, doubt and worry when their goals are not fulfilled.

### • The Natural Genius

This type of impostor is naturally able to master new skills faster than most people, so when they fail to do just that, they would feel ashamed and start to undermine their true ability.

### • The Soloist

Soloists prefer to work alone as they believe that reaching out and asking for help will expose their ineptitude. Even when they are offered help, they would usually reject it so they can prove their worth as an individual.

### • The Superhero

Also known as the workaholic, this type of impostor excels in a lot of areas, and too often push themselves too hard to achieve their aims.



## How to deal with it?

Even if it sounds like an unavoidable condition, there are ways to lessen the severity of impostor syndrome. Sharing the misery of facing it with someone can be one way of dealing with it as it helps you to distinguish between your perception with the reality of the situation.

Documenting every achievement and celebrating every success no matter how small or big they are can help you to stop discrediting your own hard work, and they work as reminders that you deserve every little achievement that you made.

The most important thing in dealing with this state of mind, though, is to learn how to be prepared whenever those dreaded moments are coming. Surely, comparing yourself to others' achievements has become a hobby to you, especially when you are faced with roadblocks in your professional pathway. You should stop doing that, and accept that every person faces different challenges every day. Remember that you have come far from the starting line, and every step made is a growing experience. 🌱

### IT'S A CALL FOR MOTIVATION!

While it is an uncomfortable mindset to have, impostor syndrome also carries a few positive impacts along its path, as it:

- **Indicates that you are challenging yourself**

*A comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing will grow there. You will always be prepared for new challenges and will do your best to overcome them.*

- **Keeps your ego in check**

*Being an expert in a field comes with an attached ego to it. Realising that there will always be room for improvement will keep your feet on the ground.*

- **Signals that you are gaining experience**

*The more you know, the more you don't know. Impostor syndrome arises when you become better at what you're doing – a sign that you are gaining experience throughout your professional journey.*

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## Here's a cup of joe.

Forget the mints and sweets; coffee's the way to go to combat sleepiness. The amount of caffeine in coffee is capable of stimulating your blood flow, improving your mood and keeping you wide awake, which is exactly what you need to pull off that all-nighter. There's a wide variety of options to go for when it comes to coffee.



**Espresso:** An intensely concentrated shot of pure coffee.



**Latte:** A creamy mixture of espresso and steamed milk with a thin layer of foamed milk on top.



**Mocha:** A chocolate lover's choice, as it is essentially a chocolate flavoured latte.



**Americano:** An espresso shot diluted with hot water.



**Cappuccino:** An equal ratio of milk foam, steamed milk and espresso, resulting in a richer and stronger espresso flavour than a latte.



**Coffee Frappé:** A sweet iced blended coffee beverage, topped with whipped cream.

However, this depends on your tolerance towards caffeine, as this stimulant has different effects on different people. Go ahead, give it a shot!

## Fancy a cuppa then?

If you can't handle the amount of caffeine coffee has to offer, here comes tea to the rescue (tea lovers, rejoice!). Tea is known to provide calming and relaxing effects on the body and mind, not to mention the various health benefits that come along with it. Let's find out which one is your cup of tea (no pun intended).



**Black tea:** The caffeine and amino acids present in black tea can improve focus and alertness.



**Green tea:** Packed with antioxidants, it is known for its many properties, one of them being its capability in improving the brain's cognitive function, which enhances memory power.



**Oolong tea:** This tea shares the benefits of both green tea and black tea. An additional benefit is its ability to relieve stress, as it helps to calm the nerves and clear the mind.



**Red tea:** This caffeine-free tea is a good choice if you're experiencing ailments such as stomach pains or headaches due to anxiety.

Tea works as an alternative to coffee, especially for those who experience jitters, headaches, or a 'crash'. To put it simply, the effect provided by tea is like being gently encouraged to do something by a loving grandmother, while the effect of coffee is like being kicked in the butt by a military officer.

## Read all the memes!

If you've never chuckled at a meme before, you probably haven't come across a good one yet. Really, the best thing about memes is that they constantly evolve, therefore the jokes are always fresh and are based on current trends. Memes are capable of highlighting shared experiences of thousands of people across the world, all connected through the internet. However, like watching YouTube videos, it is easy to get lost within the archive of existing memes. Dedicate a specific amount of time when indulging in memes, or you will not return back to reality. A few sites where you can browse memes to your heart's content include familiar social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and sites specific for memes such as 9GAG, Reddit and Know Your Meme.



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**Pepe The Frog**

Credit: Matt Furie, Boy's Club



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**Nyan Cat**

Credit: Christopher Torres

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# STUDY AND WORK IN IRELAND

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From our years of experience as an advisory for studying abroad and continuous observation on the trend in job demands globally, we have encouraged countless diploma and degree graduates to pursue their postgraduate or Master's. In addition to the international exposure and study experience, their ultimate aim is to seek career opportunities at multinational organisations internationally.

Postgraduate career opportunity is significantly pronounced in Ireland due to the two-year Graduate Visa upon graduation, even with only a year of studies in Ireland. These two years give employers the opportunity to ensure that they hire suitable talents with multinational exposure. Hence, graduates with Masters have a huge advantage as international candidates at the job application stage.

In addition, Ireland's tax policy, stable politics and the use of English attract a lot of investments from corporate giants such as Google, Facebook, Apple, Johnson & Johnson and more. Many of these giants have even set up a European HQ in Ireland. These multinational companies are creating thousands of jobs and many of these positions require international graduates to fill.

With such enormous career opportunities in Ireland, MyStudyIRL is determined to provide the best and fairest higher education in Ireland with a focus on careers.

These international exposures provide much more than just an employment advantage to students, as many of them advance their careers to become global citizens. Among the thousands of students benefitting from the experience, some have come forward to share their testimonies to encourage fresh graduates to step forward and outward.



**Min Chian Chua**  
*Audit Associate – Ernst and Young Dublin*

After having an integrated Master's degree in Chemical and Environmental Engineering and being hired as a quality analyst at the age of 24, I knew I was not ready to settle locally as I still had big dreams. So I took a leap of faith and joined the program of MSc in Management Information and Managerial Accounting System with University College Cork. With help from MyStudyIRL, I then received an official offer letter within just two weeks after my application submission.

I am glad that my hard work paid off; I graduated with First Class Honours and continued to pursue an internship with PwC immediately. Subsequently, I was offered a career with Ernst and Young.



**Wong Su Jean**

I was one of the Government of Ireland Scholarship holders to pursue my studies in MSc in International Business at Cork Institute of Technology (CIT) through the help of MyStudyIRL.

In CIT, the Masters courses are conducted in very small classes. Thus, there is a high level of engagement and everyone is encouraged to participate and speak up in class. With 11 of us coming from different countries and unique backgrounds, the learning experiences amongst us peers were the most valuable and memorable education in shaping us for the industry.

This learning environment has induced significant personal growth from the in-depth social interaction with fellow classmates. The friendliness of the Irish people has also encouraged me to become a better person.

However, the highlight of my studies is my background in Quantity Surveying. Quantity Surveying is currently one of the most sought-after critical skills in Ireland. This has led to my successful employment to a well-paying office job shortly after my graduation. I believe that my job prospects were also boosted by the two-year graduate visa upon completion of a Masters course in Ireland.



**Eng Jet Yeo**  
*PhD in Tidal Energy*

I was lucky enough as my parents offered me an opportunity to study in Ireland after finishing my SPM examinations. It was like an express highway for me to jump right into BEng in Mechanical Engineering during the following September.

From then on, it was a smooth sailing experience. I progressed from BEng in Mechanical Engineering, BEng (Hons) in Sustainable Designs, MSc in Renewable Energy Systems and finally to my current PhD. This was all made possible by supportive lecturers.

Most institutions in Ireland practise an open-door policy where students can knock on the doors and the lecturers will be there to help as much as they can. A large variety of sports and societies, ranging from surfing, airsoft and the local Gaelic football, are open to you.

Studying in Ireland was a blast for me, thanks to opportunities such as academic progression, taking up new sports, meeting new friends and exploring the country.



# HACK YOUR STUDY SPACE

Study effectively by making sure you are comfortable with your study space. **postgradasia** is here to show you some tips to do so!

**Y**ou are going to be spending a good deal of your days imprisoned within the four walls of your study room, so why not make yourself comfortable and create a space that is conducive to your study? It might take a little bit of effort and detective work to create or locate the perfect work space, but once you find it, it will be rewarding.

## Rise and shine

Studies have shown that exposure to natural light improves one's mood and productivity. Good news, we have plenty of sunlight in Malaysia, so make full use of it. Position your study desk so that it receives a good amount of sunlight and cut down on artificial light during the day. You can also lightly tint your windows to keep out the worst of the heat.

## '9 to 5'

As a postgraduate student, it is good to keep to a work schedule so that you can be sure that you are always ahead of your deadlines. Burning the midnight oil and rushing your work are indicators of poor time management rather than incompetency. Learn to find a balance between your studies and your life. When you are well-adjusted, you will find that your studies will improve.





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### Power up with plants!

Do you know that plants have a calming effect on the mind, help with memory and improve moods? While you do not have to bring the jungle into your home, it is good to have a few greeneries scattered around. Potted plants on the table or a small bush around the corner make for good houseplants. Just remember to keep them alive.

### Let there be light!

How do you know if you have good lighting? If you are straining your eyes, then there is a high chance that your room is poorly lit. A gloomy room not only makes it harder for you to read, it also makes you sleepy. So, let a bit of light into your life and it will make all the difference.


### Rest in peace

While it is advisable to keep all distractions at bay, you should also allow yourself a bit of a breather and have a 'relax zone' within your study compound. It can be a mini gym, an old sofa, or even a photo corner to remind you of the things that make you happy. But be cautious and do not abuse this corner and make it a point of distraction.

### Get organised

While you might be moving towards a paperless environment, you can't deny that paper will still dominate most of your study space. The key to good studying is to be organised. Have a system of organisation in your room and ample storage space to keep your items so that it can be within easy reach whenever you need them.

### Drink up!

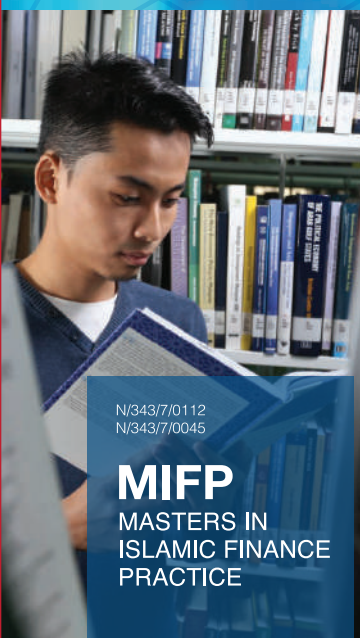
Keep your mind and body nourished by constantly drinking lots of water. Water might be best for your health but a jolt of caffeine from time to time can also power up your gears. Energy drinks are also good if you need an extra boost for an all-nighter but never abuse the substance. 





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# EXPERIENCING POSTGRAD

**An intimate introduction to postgraduate studies  
from first-hand experiences.**

Students and graduates sharing information, tips, perks  
and quirks from their chosen postgraduate institutions.





## WONG SIEW YAP, 63

### QUALIFICATIONS

Doctor of Business Administration, HELP University



### Starting postgrad

Retiring as a Managing Director of a global manufacturing and distribution MNC in Malaysia, I registered into a DBA programme as a part-time student at HELP University in December 2016 and completed my 10-module coursework in 2018. I'm aiming to submit my dissertation by 2020.

I had a fulfilling career after completing my tertiary engineering studies in 1979. Other than an initial technical role, I had opportunities to head marketing and business development, corporate planning and M&A, regional responsibilities in Southeast Asia, and being a board member of listed entities in Malaysia, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Utilising my broad practical experiences and perspective, I also did teaching assignments in technical and management fields while enrolled in the DBA programme.

### Choosing the course and institution

I am familiar with HELP University as it is located near my home, and two of my children completed their pre-university studies at HELP Academy successfully.

HELP University also provided the initial opportunity for a number of postgraduate teaching assignments when I reached out to them upon my retirement. Two years upon retirement and having the benefit of the experiential teaching, I was then ready to embark on my life-long learning journey.

The DBA programme was affordable—undoubtedly, it required my aspiration, discipline, and motivation to learn, relearn, and achieve more during this life-career phase change.

### My research

My research investigates how women's presence affects boardroom dynamics and effectiveness. It probes into the increasing gender diversity of boards in corporate Malaysia, exploring women directors' individual perspectives, and seeking their narratives and perspectives of their roles and contributions.


The study also aims to illuminate on what actually transpires inside the boardroom, and enquires into how gender diversity might have intervened and mediated on-board processes and human interactions, team behavioural dynamics, and corporate governance tasks performance.

### Mapping profession

Pursuing DBA allows self-motivation and achievement-orientation, while energising the mind and recalibrating thinking processes. It complements the undergraduate/work experiences/management training in the lifetime learning cycle.

In the end, there is also a personal gain of further postgraduate qualification, and it offers a choice and opens up the opportunity to be further immersed in academic teaching and research.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

It is essential to have a clear purpose/objective of why one would want to pursue DBA - it will vary for each individual. We are likely to be mature students with prior tertiary qualifications and work experience, but be prepared to learn and progress independently. HELP University and its lecturers are there to provide guidance and facilitation. Learning feels rewarding as it helps in discovering and relearning oneself. 



## FOO TOON YIN

### QUALIFICATIONS

Masters in Islamic Finance Practice



### Starting postgrad

I have always been curious about Islamic finance, particularly on how it can integrate ethics and finance; how it could withstand the financial crisis with minimum impacts as compared to conventional finance, the risk management aspect, etc. I have many unanswered questions and the best way for me to seek out the truth is to study Islamic Finance. A few friends have recommended INCEIF as the best university to pursue a postgraduate qualification in Islamic Finance.

### Choosing the course and institution


I have done some research, interviews and on-site observations in 2014. I found out that INCEIF has a very strong faculty consisting of outstanding academicians and industry players, great programmes with fantastic course structures delivered via various methods such as mini case studies, group projects, videos, briefings by industry players, inter-varsity debates, etc. The frequent industry talks provide an avenue for students to have a better understanding of the opportunities and challenges in Islamic Finance, latest industry trends, update research works, regulatory expectations and exchanges of ideas. I visited the Knowledge Management Centre (KMC) and I really love its vast physical and online collections of resources. The diversity of students provides a good mix of cultures, respect, integrity and most of all we are united by our passion for Islamic Finance. I ended up learning a ton from others. I have met some of my good friends here that I will have for the rest of my life.

### Mapping profession

There are still many issues in Islamic Finance. The knowledge and experience gained have to be shared to have value and could be amplified by encouraging others to exchange ideas without fear, debate, listen effectively, express one's thought, challenge perceptions and take constructive feedback.

I've been continuously enhancing my knowledge in Islamic Finance and integrating it with my professional work so I could contribute and add value to my employer and the industry. In addition, I will continue to encourage others including my colleagues to learn about Islamic Finance.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

INCEIF is a well-known university offering reputable Islamic Finance postgraduate programmes which are highly regarded and relevant in the industry. A majority of my capstone courses in MIFP blends directly into my work. For example, to perform an end-to-end Shariah audit, you need to have knowledge in audit planning and execution, Shariah rules, Islamic banking practices, product structuring, risk management, governance, takaful – which is what I have learnt in MIFP. In addition, there is good networking amongst Inceifians, which provides an avenue for us to exchange ideas and concerns particularly for those who are working in the financial industry. To the students who have just started their journey in INCEIF, never give up as the race is not only for the swift but for those who keep on running. 



## DR HAZIK MOHAMED

### QUALIFICATIONS

PhD in Islamic Finance



### Starting postgrad

I was at a point in my life where I was searching for meaning. Being an engineer for 10 years, I embarked on entrepreneurship by starting my own consulting firm, StellarCG. One of the weaknesses I had at the time was my knowledge in finance, and so I decided to get a MSc in Finance on a part-time basis by going to classes in the evenings and weekends. However, after going through the process, I realised that there were aspects in the conventional financial system that did not sit well with my values. Some sectors of the industry evolved to be solely profit-driven without regard for social justice, sustainability, etc. I am quite certain I wasn't the only one feeling like this, especially after the catastrophic crises of 2008, which put the finance industry in the spotlight.

I saw Islamic Finance as the promise of what finance could achieve, with its particular emphasis on ethical considerations towards all transactions through strict adherence to the Shariah – Divine laws that were prescribed to mankind to enable us to maximise utilities (happiness, satisfaction, productivity, etc.) on Earth and maximise rewards in the Hereafter.

### Choosing the course and institution

I chose INCEIF because I believed they had very capable instructors and the best programme based on my assessment at that time, and I wanted to be mentored and supervised by the eminent Prof. Dr. Abbas Mirakhor after seeing him speak at GIFF2012.

### Mapping profession


Having been mentored and studied under the best, I have become more comfortable in the finance industry. This in-depth understanding gained from INCEIF (which was a collaboration of hard work, the syllabus and the instruction) has helped me to form the foundation for my area of expertise, design applications for the digital economy, give public talks and write papers/books on the essence of digital disruption and where the industry needs to go.

I hope to continue to lead the drive towards digital innovation and developing new ways to function as a balanced society – one that grows the economy for the benefit of all as well as doing it by not sacrificing the resources of our future or leaving the disadvantaged behind.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

INCEIF was one of the best experiences in my life because it allowed me to combine my two 'worlds' and fully express myself. Growing up in a secular society, we learn to separate our religious/spiritual self from the secular self in order to integrate in a religious-agnostic system of governance and rule.

The Islamic Finance programme at INCEIF required me to step up both my knowledge in my faith as well as these other secular subjects (like corporate finance, econometrics, etc) in order to do well and fully benefit from the professors and the program.

For new INCEIF students, find yourself a relevant mentor in your area of specialisation, work hard (including going beyond the syllabus) and find ways where you can contribute to the industry. The PhD/ MSc/ professional certificate is only an indication of your completion of the INCEIF programme. Receiving it indicates the start of a lifetime of contributions. 



## LUCKY ANGGIAT, 28

### QUALIFICATIONS

Master in Physiotherapy KPJ Healthcare University College



### Starting postgrad

I started my journey as a postgraduate student when Christian University of Indonesia nominated me to pursue my master's degree to be promoted as lecturer. After doing some research online, I stumbled upon KPJ Healthcare University College (KPJUC) website. I found out that my qualifications met the requirements for entering Master in Physiotherapy at KPJUC. I immediately applied for the programme and my new chapter as a KPJUC postgraduate student began.

### Choosing the course and institution

I chose this course based on my current qualifications and passion in physiotherapy. In choosing an institution, my main concern was the reputation of the institution and also the extra mileage that the institution has. KPJUC is a very reputable institution that is supported by 26 KPJ Healthcare Specialist Hospitals all around Malaysia. All programmes are MQA accredited programmes and the KPJ Specialist Consultants are also involved in the teaching and learning process.

### My research

I've chosen my research topic based on my expertise – musculoskeletal physiotherapy, the area that I've been involved with since my diploma study, as I am a holder of professional certificate in Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation. I'm also doing a research on lower back pain among the university staff, in hoping that the research can enhance my knowledge in managing musculoskeletal problems thus assisting me in completing my research.

### Friending supervisor

When I decided to pursue musculoskeletal physiotherapy, KPJUC assigned me to Prof (C) Dr. Wan Hazmy Che Hon, a well-known orthopaedic surgeon in Malaysia from KPJ Seremban Specialist Hospital. I am very grateful with KPJUC's decision in providing me with a very talented supervisor because I've been well-guided in writing a very good thesis and journal. I've also learned how to defend my thesis and apply critical thinking based on my decisions, thanks to his guidance.

### Mapping profession

Postgraduate study is the best way in enhancing your career to the next stage. During postgraduate studies, you will explore further on the topic that is related to your current career field. As for me, when I decided to further my study in Master of Physiotherapy at KPJUC, the main target was to enhance my knowledge in musculoskeletal physiotherapy which will ensure the advancement of my career from tutor to lecturer. I have not only improved my knowledge but also gained many good memories and friends in KPJUC.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

At KPJUC, I've had the exposure to new technology in the physiotherapy field that is used at all KPJ Specialist hospitals. The experienced gained with my supervisor during his work has helped me a lot in completing my thesis and enhancing my knowledge in my work field.

I wish I had expose myself more in the clinical area at KPJ Specialist Hospitals, as well as in teaching and learning activities at KPJUC, so that my knowledge and experience during my postgraduate studies can be applied in my career advancement in future. p



## JASWINDER SINGH A/L GURNAM SINGH, 31

### QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Business Administration (MBA) - Leadership at Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK)



### Starting postgrad

*"The capacity to learn is a gift, the ability to learn is a skill, the willingness to learn is a choice" - Brian Herbett*

Being a highly curious person with unlimited questions, I am constantly in need to learn new things and understand how things or systems work. Upon completing my Bachelor's Degree in Medical Sciences, I started my corporate career journey as a medical claims assessor at AIA Bhd Malaysia. My curiosity kept building as I evolved in my career which led me to various roles within the company. In 2018, I wanted to upgrade myself in skills and knowledge to prepare myself for a brighter career advancement. With the Grace of God and support from my family, I enrolled myself to UNIRAZAK to pursue MBA Leadership.

### Choosing the course and institution

Many say leaders are born, but I personally believe leaders are created. I considered to pursue a course that will help me be a leader that can impact the community around me. UNIRAZAK has a track record of producing high quality leaders in various industries and a strong line of educators with who have vast experience both in education and industry has been the pull factor for me. UNIRAZAK is also among the first university in Malaysia to have an exclusive partnership with the renowned Chartered Management Institute (CMI). There is nothing more I can ask for than these.

### My research

I am currently pursuing a research on the strategic role of leadership in managing the healthcare cost in Malaysia. The recent steep increase in healthcare cost in Malaysia has led to many Malaysians struggling to bear the high cost of

treatment in private hospitals. I find this field of study as an interesting area that has the potential of creating a value to the community.

### Friending supervisor

My key criteria are specialisation, industry experience, publications and approachability. My current supervisor has exceeded my expectations with the support and guidance given thus far.

### Mapping profession

I consider postgraduate studies as a tool to prepare and equip oneself for career advancement. In my opinion, it is better to gain some working experience before pursuing postgraduate studies as it helps one to relate, understand and apply the classroom learning at work as part of experimenting and strengthening the learning process. The working environment would act as a solid ground for practical application of theories and tools learned in class.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

The teaching approach set forth by the educators were practical and close to reality which made learning fun, interesting and exciting. Group discussions, healthy debate and analysis of industry during class further enhanced the learning experience. However, I wish there were various workshops conducted on business and academic writing and presentation skills to help students to become competent writers and effective communicators. p

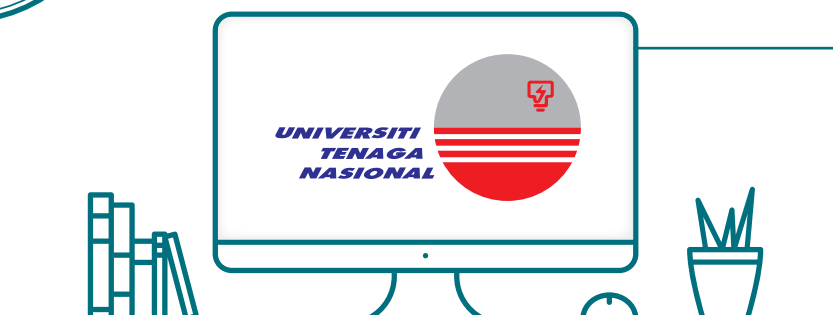




## JULIUS TEO HAN LOONG, 26

### QUALIFICATIONS

Masters in Electrical Engineering, Universiti Tenaga Nasional



### Starting postgrad

I want to be a lecturer at a university, and hence, postgraduate studies. It was mainly for career advancement, though I did like a bit of research and problem solving.

### Choosing the course and institution

I completed my bachelor's degree in Electrical and Electronics engineering in UNITEN. This field of engineering seems to be more important and relevant, as the world has advanced into the digital era. Also, the lecturers are knowledgeable and supportive and the facilities are ample. So it seemed natural to me to continue my postgraduate degree in the same field and in the same university.

### My research

My research is about incorporating the memristor (a two terminal and variable resistance component, which is used in digital memory, logic circuits, biological and neuromorphic systems) into a device called the Physically Unclonable Function (PUF). PUF is to be used for security, such as authorising access and identifying original devices from the counterfeit. In theory, the memristor-based PUF is resistant to various forms of attacks from physical attacks to machine learning attacks. Hence, the research is to design a state-of-the-art, yet cost-effective, memristor-based PUF circuit that can be reliably used by the society for their security requirements.

### Friending supervisor

Obviously the supervisor should be well versed in the research topic, not just the field of study. In most cases, you would have to meet with the prospective supervisor before even starting the postgraduate studies. Take this time to 'interview' the supervisor (the supervisor is interviewing you as well!).

### Mapping profession

I have a calling for educating those who want to learn. I want to be a lecturer in a university. My goal was clear and I was certain about it. Hence, I pursued this postgraduate degree immediately after my bachelor's degree. There is an endless discussion on whether to directly pursue a postgraduate degree right after the bachelor's degree or after gaining some working experience. I personally feel that there is no clear answer, that one option is not always the better choice; it depends on your situation, as with most decision-making in life.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

Most postgraduate students used the words: *dry*, *desert*, *darkness*, *tunnel* and the most common one, *lost*. After going through the postgraduate journey, I can confirm that it is true. You can never fully understand these words until you've taken a postgraduate degree by *research*. The best part about this is the feeling of relief after finding water in the lost desert, the feeling of excitement after seeing the light at the end of the tunnel, and the sweet victory after finding the solution. And again I say: you can never fully understand these words until you've taken a postgraduate degree by *research*.

There is nothing I would have change. Nor do I regret choosing to embark on this journey. p

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## DR SARASWATHY SHAMINI GUNASEKARAN, 40

### QUALIFICATIONS

Doctor of Philosophy in ICT (Artificial Intelligence)



### Starting postgrad

Life has never been as how we planned it. Similarly, my research journey truncated in 2015, in which I discovered my passion for research through my Professor, Dr Mohamed Sharifuddin Ahmed, who was both a mentor and a father figure to me. I gradually learned that doing research is a skill which if mastered the right way, would be of benefit to an individual, society and the nation as a whole. Truthfully, I managed to find my research ground in 2019 after many years of trial and error. It's a slow and steady process but the reward is indeed overwhelming.

### Choosing the course and institution

Instead of choosing the above, my first task was choosing my supervisor and it just so happened that my supervisor was from UNITEN specialising in the field of ICT. I strongly believe that the supervisor plays an important role in moulding and guiding his/her student during the research journey. We can be broken or built by the right supervisor. So my advice would always be to choose the right supervisor before gearing into the research journey.

### My research

My research interest is in the field of Artificial Intelligence in which I have bagged a few gold and silver awards in international and local competitions apart from actively engaging myself with potential industries to further commercialise my research ideas. I constantly look forward for collaboration possibilities in the areas of agent technology essentially in the field of social commerce and smart sustainable cities. Currently, I am working on a Smart University Blueprint with IBM. The industry revolution 4.0 looks intensively in the area of automation, and this can be a major contribution towards the well-being of many organisations and companies in the realm of digitisation.

### Friending supervisor

A supervisor should not be judgemental, instead they should be ever willing to help his/her students understand the processes involved in the research journey. I am blessed to have met my supervisor.

### Mapping profession

A postgraduate study, (particularly in research), should never be about career advancement. It should be about one's passion and thirst towards research. Gathering the right amount of experience and knowledge would definitely help in managing and executing any postgraduate studies. Always remember to make every step in your life a meaningful journey.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

My favourite part is my supervisor, followed by all the wonderful souls I met along the way during my research journey. At the same time, I would say that this was the time I learned more about myself including my strength and weaknesses. The right people in your life would always guide you regardless of how bad of a time you get yourself in.

I would not have changed anything except if I could, I would want to appreciate every moment of that journey, be it my worst and happiest moments in life. 🌱

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## DR BONG FWEE LEONG, 45

### QUALIFICATIONS

Doctor of Philosophy (Engineering), Lee Kong Chian Faculty of Engineering and Science, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR)



### Starting postgrad

I chose to do research in the field of RFID technology mainly because of my personal interest and job relevance. I had gone through many episodes of tough times to reach the academic achievement. I was a part-time PhD student with a family to take care of and it was difficult to strike a balance between work, family and study. It was stressful, but memorable. I believe that I would become a role model for my kids to follow when they face their future challenges.

### Choosing the course and institution

As a student of UTAR, I had the chance to enjoy an excellent learning experience. As one of the most reputable private universities, voted by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings in recent years, UTAR offers quality higher education qualifications that are respected by employers and academics worldwide. The university management supports an innovative learning and teaching environment.

### My research

My PhD research was primarily centred on the design and characterisation of miniaturised UHF RFID tag antennas. My research outputs were published in the high-impact Tier 1 (Q1) international journal, the prestigious IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation, in both 2017 and 2019 (impact factor: 4.13). I have also co-authored many other technical papers in the same journal.

### Friending supervisor

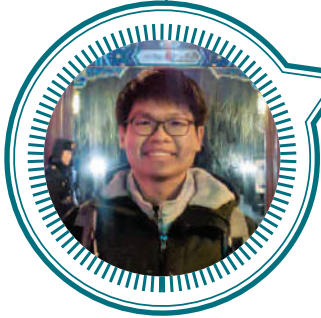
My supervisor was my main motivator throughout my PhD research. He had provided me with valuable advice and support ever since I first enrolled in the course. He shared with me the potential obstacles in research life. He patiently taught me the proper ways to do research and how to write a good technical paper. With the conducive learning and research environment, I managed to secure an early submission (early graduation) after generating 4 high-impact publications in the IEEE Transactions on Antennas and Propagation within 2.5 years.

### Mapping profession

In an ever-changing economic environment, no job is safe and can be secured forever. You must always improve your skills so that you can become a valuable asset to your employer. Your job would be more secure then! Having a PhD can surely broaden the horizon of your career path.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

I must admit that achieving the PhD dream was not an easy task; I sacrificed my free time for my research and paper writing. I always believed hard work will eventually pay off. My message to the new PhD students is that you should not be afraid of facing new research problems as you will surely learn something valuable after they are solved. Please work closely with your supervisors, classmates and seniors. Consult them when necessary and this will definitely speed up your learning process.



## CHENG KOK SUEN, 25

### QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Science, Lee Kong Chiang Faculty of Engineering and Science, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman



### Starting postgrad

While I was doing my undergraduate degree at UTAR, I wanted to become an academician, carrying out researches in well-known institutions. Following this dream, I enrolled in a Master of Science programme at UTAR to further my studies. Upon graduating, I enrolled in a PhD programme at Peking University (PKU), China.

### Choosing the course and institution

Being one of the top universities in Malaysia, UTAR is an excellent institution for postgraduate studies. UTAR provides high-quality academic standards while keeping tuition fees low. Besides that, UTAR also provides research funding and tuition fee support for postgraduate students.

### My research

For my master's study, my research focused on how different deep breathing durations affect the body's physiology and cognitive control. My group and I managed to publish five papers in the academic journals (all with impact factors) based on my master's dissertation. I am really grateful that the knowledge I learnt at UTAR had prepared me well for my PhD study.

### Friending supervisor


I believe one of the most important criteria for choosing a supervisor is based on the strength of his/her knowledge and research network in that particular field. A supervisor with this criterion will be able to provide novel point-of-view and collaboration network required for the postgraduate study.

### Mapping profession

I think the decision to pursue a postgraduate degree immediately after one's basic degree is dependent on the field of study. In my case, since I am in the science field, I believe going immediately for a postgraduate degree would be more beneficial as you will have a head start on your journey towards novel discovery.

### Postgrad perks and quirks

One of my most favourite parts about my postgraduate degree is the research environment. The environment here really stimulates one to strive to do their best and pushes one beyond their limits. Although it may be stressful at times, I am glad that my supervisor and lab mates are always around to help.

On the other hand, I wish I learned more statistics! Statistics constitute a fundamental part in any biomedical research and if I had known this earlier, I would not have spent days to understand how to calculate sample size and figure out what statistical test to use. I do wish I had met and talked to some of the good biostatisticians at UTAR to learn more about statistics. UTAR really has the necessary resources for students to become successful. 



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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**Bachelor in Economics** (Analytical Economics, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, University Malaya); **Master of Arts**, (Economics, Yale University);

**Doctor of Philosophy** (Finance, Universiti Putra Malaysia)

### Path of a student

Good graduate students must be passionate about their research, with an inquisitive mind and ready to accept the lifestyle of an academic researcher. My research is focused on two areas: finance and economics. Research is the lifeblood of academics that make up the body of the university. Without research, academics will find teaching mundane. Students are part and parcel of academic life. Research without transmission to students is abstract and a thing of art. With students, the research finds practical applications in the real world.


My research motivation in macroeconomics and finance originated while I was working for the Central Bank of Malaysia (Bank Negara) and a couple of investment banks in Malaysia. I observed that financial assets substantially react to the Central Bank's monetary policy announcements - to increase liquidity or tightening credit through lowering statutory reserves, open market operations of bonds, exchange

rates movements and monetary operations to impact reserve money. Since I have a deep passion for macroeconomics and finance and expertise in econometrics, I look forward to meeting and mentoring students who are keen to conduct further empirical research in this area. This has been extended to measurements of banking efficiency, taxation, risk measurement and financial inclusion.

### Research interests

- Financial economics
- Risk management
- Money supply, liquidity and share pricing

### Latest research

- Taxation
- Financial inclusion
- Data envelopment analysis in productivity measurement
- Structural equation modelling 

| Status    | Duration    | Subject of study                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ongoing   | 2017–2019   | Malaysia's Tax Buoyancy – Impact of Differential Taxes on Malaysia's Tax Revenue Collection Vs OECD Countries                    |
| Ongoing   | 2018–2019   | Productivity Improvement in The Private and Public Sectors: Comparative Analysis of Kaizan and Other Methods                     |
| Completed | 2012 – 2013 | Chapter 2 of Book on Malaysia's Tax Systems: Issues, Challenges and Future Direction for Malaysia Tax Research Foundation (MTRF) |


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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**Bachelor of Medicine**, University of Alexandria; **Master of Science Public Health**, National University of Singapore (NUS);  
**Master in Business Administration**, Northeastern University, USA

### Path of a student

Time management should be on the top of your priority list as you will have to train yourself to multi-task from the beginning of the semester. Learning to work in a group is also important as it encourages active learning, and develops key critical-thinking, communication, and decision-making skills. You should also start practising on reading dry text quickly so that you can learn how to skim text and assess what is important and what is not. In addition to a textbook, you will also have other required reading materials, such as case studies and lecture notes. This skill will be a tremendous help for you in going through the classes.

Remember to build your network and expand your circle with other students around you. The contacts you meet in class — be it your colleagues, the lecturers or the industry contacts — can last a lifetime and may be the connection to chase your dreams. Lastly, do reach out when you feel overwhelmed with your choice. Some parts of the curriculum

may get tough and/or parts of it too technical. Create or join a study group, where you and your colleagues may help each other with your respective strengths and expertise.

### Research interests

- Aged care
- GDM in pregnancy
- HPV immunisation
- Primary healthcare

### Latest research

“Human papillomavirus immunisation of adolescent girls: improving coverage through multisectoral collaboration in Malaysia, funded by PMNCH-WHO.”

A case study on Malaysian successful implementation of the HPV immunisation for school children. Study identified the key success factors that kept the multisectoral collaboration possible and effective in winning the stakeholders sustained participation.

| Status    | Duration  | Subject of study                                                                                                                             |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ongoing   | 2019–2019 | Prevalence and risk factors of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus and risk of progression to type 2 Diabetes Seremban Health Clinic, Malaysia     |
| Ongoing   | 2018–2019 | Personnel and institutional factors affecting quality of life of elderly residents in aged care facilities in Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Area |
| Completed | 2018–2018 | Human papillomavirus immunisation of adolescent girls: improving coverage through multisectoral collaboration in Malaysia                    |



## DR MOHAR YUSOF

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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**Doctor of Philosophy in Management (by Research)**, Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK); **Master of Business Administration**, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM); **Bachelor of Economics**, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

### PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS


**Certified Professional Intellectual Property Manager (MIM-CPIPM)**, Malaysian Institute of Management; **Certified Financial Planner**, Financial Planning Association of Malaysia

### Path of a student

In addition to research, teaching and training, I have assisted students particularly in the Entrepreneurship programme to initiate, start and improve their businesses. Over the last six years, I've trained no less than 1,500 people (students, graduates, and existing entrepreneurs). I was involved in the team led by the university's President and Vice Chancellor in designing the syllabus and curriculum for the Bachelor in Business Management (Entrepreneurship)(Hons.).

Together with a few lecturers, we led the initiatives to develop an integrated curriculum within the bachelor degree programme through the use of case studies and action-based learning via consultancy-like projects, start-up projects and improving students' family businesses.

### Research interests

Entrepreneurship, family business, strategy, governance, legacy planning, succession planning, wealth management, financial planning. 

| Status    | Duration           | Subject of study                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ongoing   | 2018 - present     | A Study of Malay Diaspora, Values System and Cultural Characteristics Connecting Family Business Communities in Selected Countries in Nusantara under the Siti Maya Professorial Chair on Family Business |
| Ongoing   | 2018 - present     | A Study on Entrepreneurial Leaders under the YTI Chair on Entrepreneurial Leadership                                                                                                                      |
| Completed | 2018               | Skim Latihan Francais (SLF) 2018: Kajian Impak Cadangan Pelaksanaan Pengurangan Fi Francais dan Kesannya Terhadap Ekonomi dan Industri Francais [Commissioned by Perbadanan Nasional Bhd (PNS)]           |
| Completed | 2018 - present     | Applied research and development on Trust, Foundation and Waqf                                                                                                                                            |
| Completed | 2018               | Quantitative research and comparison between family business and non-family business in Malaysia (collaboration with Canadian researchers)                                                                |
| Completed | 2017-2018          | Entrepreneurial Society as Vector of Community Building, Collaboration between UNIRAZAK and HEC Montreal, Canada                                                                                          |
| Completed | 2016               | Developing a Human Capital Index for Malaysia: Progress and Prospects Across Generations (Fundamental Research Grant Scheme, Ref: FRGS/1/2016/SS03/UNIRAZAK/02/1)                                         |
| Completed | March-Sept 2015    | Angel Investment in Malaysia<br><i>Commissioned by Policy Institute, Technopreneurs Association of Malaysia (TeAM)</i>                                                                                    |
| Completed | Dec 2014-June 2015 | A Study on Women/Family Entrepreneurship<br><i>Commissioned by Centre of Entrepreneur Development and Research (CEDAR), SME Bank</i>                                                                      |
| Completed | 2013-2014          | Venture Capital Value Chain Study<br><i>Commissioned by Policy Institute, Technopreneurs Association of Malaysia (TeAM)</i>                                                                               |
| Completed | 2013-2014          | Creating an Enabling Environment for Women's Economic Empowerment through Entrepreneurship in Malaysia<br><i>Commissioned by United Nations ESCAP</i>                                                     |



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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)** in Electrical Engineering, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM); **Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (BEng)** in Control & Instrumentation Engineering (First Class Hons), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)

### Path of a student

We are looking for motivated, disciplined and passionate students in all academic levels who are interested in our research areas. The candidate must have good communication skills and must be willing to work in a lab for device prototyping and characterisation. The successful applicant will be admitted to the Master or PhD Programme at Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR), Sungai Long Campus.

### Research interests

- Micro-electro-mechanical system (MEMS)
- Smart sensor and actuator
- Soft and skin compliance sensor
- Finite element modelling
- Microfluidic

### Latest research

Our latest research focus is on ionic polymer metal composite (IPMC) material, made of a thin ion exchange polymer

membrane, sandwiched between two metal electrodes. It offers the advantages of low operating voltage (1 V), fast response and can be operated in an aqueous environment. To broaden the actuator's mobility, our research team is focusing on a wireless powered IPMC, including as soft microgripper<sup>1</sup> and controlled drug delivery devices<sup>2,3</sup> (for cancer therapy). The biocompatible and soft muscle-like actuation makes this actuator well suited for wearable or implantable devices. The actuator will be activated when the external radio-frequency (RF) magnetic field matches the resonant frequency of the inductor-capacitor receiver circuit that is embedded in our prototype.

<sup>1</sup>Hau Ran, C.; Choon Yee, T.; Pei Ling, L.; Koon Chun, L.; Pei Song, C\*. *Smart Materials and Structures* 2018, 27, 055014.

<sup>2</sup>Xi Liang, C.; Pei Song, C\*; Eng Hock, L.; Woon Chan, C.. *Smart Materials and Structures* 2019, 28, 015024.

<sup>3</sup>Cheong, H.R.; Nguyen, N.-T.; Khaw, M.K.; Teoh, B.Y.; Pei Song, C\*. *Lab on a Chip* 2018, 18, 3207-3215.

| Status    | Duration | Subject of study                                                                                                                      |
|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ongoing   | 1 year   | Development of low-frequency vibration energy harvester using stretchable electronic                                                  |
| Ongoing   | 1 year   | Microfluidic HF and UHF Tag-Sensors for Air Pressure Monitoring in Tyres                                                              |
| Completed | 1 year   | Wireless control of ionic polymer metal composite (IPMC) actuators using magnetic resonant frequency for biomedical tools application |
| Completed | 1 year   | Development of microfluidic stretchable radio-frequency (RF) sensing device for drug delivery application                             |





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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**Bachelor of Engineering (Hons)** (Chemical Engineering), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM); **Doctor of Philosophy** (Renewable Energy), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)


### Path of a student

I always advise my students to not be afraid in trying something out of their comfort zone. Research will be dead if we stop trying because of the numerous failures we encounter. Instead, learn from each failure and always think out of the box. Although we expect each student to have a large degree of self-independency in solving their research problem, it is always a good idea to share their problems and seek advice from other experts. In our research family, we constantly encourage constructive discussion and cooperation to work together to achieve our research goals. We teach our students to be innovative thinkers and self-starters, also adaptive and flexible which are the main attributes of a good researcher. They are also taught to be more tactful in utilising various resources provided at UTAR and proactive in sharing research information with other fellow researchers through participation in national and international conferences.

### Research interests

My research interests centre on devising sustainable and cost-effective methods to synthesise renewable energy (biodiesel, bioethanol and syngas) and other value-added products (bioplastic, cellulose nanofiber and triacetin) from renewable sources such as biomass.

### Latest research

Currently, my research team is working on developing various green synthesis methods to produce heterogeneous catalyst from low-value biomass waste such as empty fruit bunch and lignocellulosic material. The novel and environmentally friendly catalyst will be applied for the production of biodiesel through a glycerol-free pathway which at the same time can produce other more valuable by-products. This can help to complement the existing biodiesel production facility in Malaysia which will subject to higher demand after the implementation of higher biodiesel blending in the diesel fuel mix. 

| Status    | Duration  | Subject of study                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ongoing   | 2019-2021 | Fundamental Investigation of Heterogeneous Acid Catalyst derived from Oil Palm Empty Fruit Bunch for Inter-esterification Reaction with Methyl Acetate as Acyl Acceptor |
| Ongoing   | 2019-2022 | Synthesis of bioplastic film from renewable sources through green synthesis pathway                                                                                     |
| On-going  | 2018-2022 | Enhanced Sonoelectrocatalytic Degradation of Organic Pollutant in Wastewater                                                                                            |
| On-going  | 2017-2019 | Application of Organosolv Pretreatment to Degraded Empty Fruit Bunch for Optimum Sugar based Substrate Recovery                                                         |
| Completed | 2017-2019 | Biofuel Synthesis from Non-edible Oil seeds using in situ Reactive Extraction with Ultrasound                                                                           |
| Completed | 2015-2017 | Adsorption-Photocatalysis Accelerate Degradation of Palm Oil Mill Effluent (POME) using TiO <sub>2</sub> Supported on Biomass Waste-Derived Activated Carbon            |
| Completed | 2014-2016 | Investigation of high-performing carbon solid acid catalyst derived from low-value biomass waste for biodiesel production                                               |
| Completed | 2013-2015 | Kinetics and mechanism study of <i>Jatropha curcas</i> L. biomass waste as carbon-based heterogeneous acid catalyst in biodiesel synthesis                              |
| Completed | 2012-2013 | The role of renewable energy towards a sustainable development: A comparative study between Malaysia and Japan in revolution of transportation industry                 |



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**IMPORTANT DATES**  
(IMU)

**March and September**

- MSc in Public Health
- MSc in Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- MSc in Molecular Medicine
- Master in Pharmacy Practice

**March and July**

- Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Management and Education

**March**

- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Professions Education
- Master in Health Professions Education
- MBA in Healthcare Management

**September**

- MSc in Acupuncture

**October**

- Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry

**Throughout the year**

- MSc in Medical and Health Sciences by research
- PhD in Medical and Health Sciences by research

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**POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED**

| Course name                                               | Mode      | Duration     | Cost (RM)     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Awarding body: IMU</b>                                 |           |              |               |
| MSc in Public Health                                      | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 1-3 yrs*     | 44,000-58,500 |
| MSc in Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry            | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 1-3 yrs*     | 43,000-52,100 |
| MSc in Molecular Medicine                                 | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 1-3 yrs*     | 40,000-52,600 |
| Master in Pharmacy Practice                               | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 1-3 yrs      | 40,000-52,600 |
| Health Professions Education                              | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 6 mths-2 yrs | 12,000-18,800 |
| Postgraduate Certificate                                  | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 2-3 yrs      | 12,000-18,800 |
| Postgraduate Diploma                                      | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 2-3 yrs      | 12,000-18,800 |
| Master 2-4 yrs                                            | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 2-4 yrs      | 12,000-18,800 |
| Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry                 | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 1-2 yrs      | 12,000-18,800 |
| MSc in Medical and Health Sciences by research            | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 1-4 yrs      | 12,000-18,800 |
| PhD in Medical and Health Sciences by research            | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 2-6 yrs      | 12,000-18,800 |
| MBA in Healthcare Management                              | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 1-2 yrs      | 12,000-18,800 |
| Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Management and Education | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 1 yr         | 12,000-18,800 |
| MSc in Acupuncture                                        | ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ | 2-3 yrs      | 12,000-18,800 |

\* represents the option of Open Distance Learning

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**I: Profile**





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### IMPORTANT DATES

#### INTAKES

Please contact us for more information.

#### DEADLINES

None.

### OTHER INFORMATION

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

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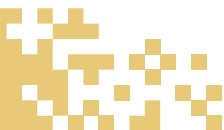
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### POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                      | Mode    | Duration         |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------|
| <b>Awarding body: HELP University</b>            |         |                  |
| Doctor of Business Administration                | FT PT ▲ | Min 3 yrs        |
| Doctor of Philosophy                             | FT PT ▲ | 4 yrs            |
| Master of Accounting and Finance                 | FT ▲    | 1.5 yrs          |
| Master of Business Administration                | FT PT ▲ | 1.5 yrs          |
| Master of Business Administration (Online)       | OL ▲    | 1-3 yrs          |
| Master of Clinical Psychology                    | FT ▲    | Approx 2-2.5 yrs |
| Master of Corporate Governance                   | FT PT ▲ | 1.5 years        |
| Master of Counselling                            | FT PT ▲ | Approx 2-2.5 yrs |
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| Master of Education (TESL)                       | FT PT ▲ | Approx 2 yrs     |
| Master of Entrepreneurship                       | FT ▲    | 1.5 yrs          |
| Master of Executive Management                   | FT ▲    | 1.5 yrs          |
| Master of Human Resource Management              | FT PT ▲ | 1.5 yrs          |
| Master of Philosophy                             | FT PT ▲ | 2 yrs            |
| Master of Project Management                     | FT PT ▲ | 1.5 yrs          |
| Master of Managerial Psychology                  | FT ▲    | Approx 2 yrs     |
| Master of Science in Economic Crime Management   | FT ▲    | 1 yr & 10 mths   |
| Postgraduate Certificate in Software Engineering | FT ▲    | 0.5 yr           |

*For enquiries on costs, information will be available upon request.*



# ELM

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**

KPT/JPS (N/340/8/0366) (MQA/PA3825) 11/19

**Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)**

KPT/JPS (R2/340/8/0379) (A8927) 06/23

**Master of Philosophy (MPhil)**

KPT/JPS (N/340/7/0365) (MQA/PA3769) 11/19

**Master of Business Administration**

KPT/JPS (R/345/7/0599) (A5957) 05/20

**Master of Business Administration (Online)**

KPT/JPS (N-DL/340/7/0653) (MQA/PA8009) 04/21

**Master of Entrepreneurship**

KPT/JPS (R/345/7/0598) (A6246) 03/20

**Master of Executive Management**

KPT/JPS (R/345/7/0497) (A10034) 06/24

**Master of Project Management**

KPT/JPS (R/345/7/0523) (A10051) 11/19

**Master of Accounting & Finance**

KPT/JPS (R2/344/7/0153) (A8814) 06/23

**Master of Corporate Governance**

KPT/JPS (R/345/7/0641) (A10103) 05/20

**Masters in Counselling**

KPT/JPS (R/762/7/0018) (A6678) 01/21

**Master of Clinical Psychology**

KPT/JPS (R2/311/7/0019) (A8077) 09/22

**Master of Managerial Psychology**

KPT/JPS (R/311/7/0043) (A6245) 10/24

**Master of Science in Economic Crime Management**

KPT/JPS (R2/345/7/0335) (A8877) 06/23

**Master of Education (TESL)**

KPT/JPS (R/145/7/0037) (MQA/FA2999) 05/23

**Master of Education (Teaching and Learning)**

KPT/JPS (N/141/7/0069) (MQA/PA8168) 04/22

**Master of Human Resource Development**

KPT/JPS (N/345/7/0824) (MQA/PA4273) 10/20

**Postgraduate Certificate in Software Engineering**

KPT/JPS (N/481/7/0002) (MQA/PA8807) 08/22





Hong Kong Baptist University,  
Kowloon Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong

**IMPORTANT DATES****INTAKES**

September

**DEADLINES**

Application deadline is by June every year

**OTHER INFORMATION****SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID****MSc in Advanced Information Systems**

- MSc Fellowship: HKD132,000 (approx. RM66,000)
- Entrance Scholarships: up to HKD50,000 (approx. RM25,000)
- High Distinction/Distinction/Merit Scholarship: up to HKD24,000 (approx. RM12,000)

**MSc in Analytical Chemistry**

- Prof. Huie, Carmen Wah-Kit Memorial Scholarship: up to HKD20,000 (approx. RM10,000)
- Overseas Scholarship: up to HKD40,000 (approx. RM20,000)
- Merit Award: up to HKD20,000 (approx. RM10,000)
- Exchange Scholarship: up to HKD20,000 (approx. RM10,000)

**MSc in Information Technology****Management**

- MSc Fellowship: HKD132,000 (approx. RM66,000)
- Entrance Scholarships: up to HKD50,000 (approx. RM25,000)
- High Distinction/Distinction/Merit Scholarship: up to HKD24,000 (approx. RM12,000)

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS****MSc in Advanced Information Systems**

Bachelor's degree in Science, Engineering or IT relevant fields from a recognised university or equivalent qualification

**MSc in Analytical Chemistry**

B.Sc. (Hons) degree in Chemistry or in other Physical and Life Sciences or equivalent

**MSc in Information Technology****Management**

Bachelor's degree in Science, Engineering, Business or other relevant fields from a recognised university or equivalent qualification  
(English proficiency is required for all the programmes above.)

**APPLICATIONS**

Graduate school – <http://gs.hkbu.edu.hk/>

In 1956, Hong Kong Baptist College was founded by the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong as a post-secondary college committed to the provision of whole person education. In 1983, Hong Kong Baptist College became a fully-funded public tertiary institution. It gained university status in 1994 and was renamed Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU).

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conducting cutting-edge academic research, and proactively contributing to the advancement of society. Our mission includes to provide comprehensive education, to engage in innovative research, and to promote scientific literacy.

**POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED**

| Course name                                            | Mode | Duration | Cost (RM) |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Awarding body: Hong Kong Baptist University</b>     |      |          |           |
| Master of Science in Advanced Information Systems      | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | 66,000    |
| Master of Science in Analytical Chemistry              | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | 60,000    |
| Master of Science in Information Technology Management | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | 66,000    |



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**MSc  
ITM**

### Master of Science in Information Technology Management

Management and business aspects of information technology

**MSc  
AIS**

### Master of Science in Advanced Information Systems

Technology aspects of information technology,  
with focuses on artificial intelligence and data analytics

- **Excellent career opportunities in the IT job market**
- **Internship opportunities in Italy**
- **Study tour opportunities to overseas cities**
- **Scholarships (up to HK\$74,000 for each student) without quota**
- **English as the medium of instruction**



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**IMPORTANT DATES****INTAKES****Professional Certificate in Islamic Finance (PCIF)**

Intake: January and September

**Masters in Islamic Finance Practice (MIFP)**

Intake: January, June and September

**Master of Science in Islamic Finance (MSc)**

Intake: January, June and September

**Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Islamic Finance**

Intake: January and September

**DEADLINES**Please visit [www.inceif.org](http://www.inceif.org) for closing date**OTHER INFORMATION****FACILITIES**

- Most comprehensive Islamic finance library in the region with more than 18,000 volumes of books and e-books that comprise both conventional and Islamic finance but also in economics, banking as well as related subjects
- Online databases and journals catered to economics, finance and banking such as BankScope, Islamic finance Information Service, Datastream etc
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**SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID**

- INCEIF Chancellor's Scholarship
- INCEIF President's Scholarship
- INCEIF Bursary

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**Please visit [www.inceif.org](http://www.inceif.org) for more info about the entry requirements for all our programmes**APPLICATIONS**Please visit [www.inceif.org](http://www.inceif.org) for online application

INCEIF was founded by Bank Negara Malaysia. It is a leading global university for Islamic finance with AACSB accreditation, making it a truly world class university for postgraduate Islamic finance programmes. With this accreditation, INCEIF joins the top 5% of business schools in the world.

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- Renowned Faculty Experts in:
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  - Islamic Banking
  - Islamic Capital Market
  - Islamic Economy

- Takaful
- Wealth Management
- Waqaf & Zakat

INCEIF provides rigorous academic programmes such as Professional Certificates in Islamic Finance (PCIF), Masters in Islamic Finance Practice (MIFP), MSc in Islamic Finance and PhD in Islamic Finance, at the frontier of research, that gives opportunity to develop advanced analytical & technical skills that are sought after by global employers.

INCEIF has three intakes in each academic year (January, June & September). INCEIF also provides financial aid (Bursary, Scholarships and others) to qualified students.

Find out more at [www.inceif.org](http://www.inceif.org).**POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED**

| Course name                                        | Mode        | Duration     | Cost (RM)                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Awarding body: INCEIF                              |             |              |                                  |
| Masters in Islamic Finance Practice (MIFP)         | FT PT ▲     | Face-to-face | Face-to-face                     |
|                                                    |             | FT 1-2 yrs   | US 26,600                        |
|                                                    | PT          | PT 1.5-4 yrs | US 30,800                        |
|                                                    |             | Online       | Online                           |
| Master of Science in Islamic Finance (Msc)         | FT PT ▲     | FT 1-2 yrs   | 12,610 (excluding optional fees) |
|                                                    |             | PT 3-6 yrs   |                                  |
|                                                    | FT PT ▲     | FT 1.5-3 yrs | US 27,300                        |
|                                                    |             | PT 1.5-4 yrs | US 33,600                        |
| Professional Certificate in Islamic Finance (PCIF) | EL ▲        | 14 weeks     | US 3,048<br>USD 847              |
| PhD in Islamic Finance                             | FT PT ▲ ▲ ▲ | FT 2-5 yrs   | FT 52,000                        |
|                                                    |             | PT 4-6 yrs   | PT 64,000                        |

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R2/343/8/0055 , R2/343/8/0056

Intake - January & September

### Master of Science in Islamic Finance

R2/343/7/0071

Intake - January & September

### Masters in Islamic Finance Practice (Face to Face)

N/343/7/0045

Intake - January, June & September

### Masters in Islamic Finance Practice (Online)

N/343/7/0112

Intake - January, June & September

### Professional Certificate in Islamic Finance

N/KJP/00202

Intake - January & September

## Why Study at INCEIF

- ✓ **From Industry For Industry**  
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- ✓ **Most Outstanding Islamic Finance Education and Research**
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- ✓ **Global Hallmark of Quality**
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  - Islamic Banking
  - Islamic Capital Market
  - Islamic Economy
  - Takaful
  - Wealth Management
  - Waqaf & Zakat

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

#### March and September

- MSc in Public Health
- MSc in Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry
- MSc in Molecular Medicine
- Master in Pharmacy Practice

#### March and July

- Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Management and Education

#### March

- Postgraduate Certificate in Health Professions Education
- Postgraduate Diploma in Health Professions Education
- Master in Health Professions Education
- MBA in Healthcare Management

#### September

- MSc in Acupuncture

#### October

- Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry

#### Throughout the year

- MSc in Medical and Health Sciences (by research)
- PhD in Medical and Health Sciences (by research)

### DEADLINES

None

## OTHER INFORMATION

### FACILITIES

- Auditoriums
- ATM
- Cafeteria
- E-learning laboratories
- Healthcare centres
- Lecture theatres
- Library
- Multi-purpose halls
- Research laboratories
- Sports and recreation/gymnasium
- Student hostel
- Wi-Fi

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Available at [www.imu.edu.my/imu/admissions/entry-requirements/postgraduate/](http://www.imu.edu.my/imu/admissions/entry-requirements/postgraduate/)

### APPLICATIONS

Online application

International Medical University (IMU) is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and health sciences university with over 27 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. Established in 1992, IMU pioneered the world's first Partner Medical School programme and has since gained international recognition with over 30 world class university partners in Australia, New Zealand, UK, Canada, Ireland and China.

Committed to its brand promise, 'Delivering the Future of Better Healthcare', IMU became a fully integrated healthcare institution offering education, healthcare services in both

medical and complementary alternative medicine and research to serve and improve the quality of lives.

IMU is part of IMU Health, a wholly-owned subsidiary of IHH Healthcare Berhad (IHH). IHH is a leading international provider of premium healthcare services. Known as the world's second-largest listed healthcare operator, IHH presently operates close to 10,000 licensed beds in 49 hospitals across their home markets of Singapore, Malaysia and Turkey, and key markets of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and India. IHH is also present in Brunei, Myanmar, UAE, Macedonia and Iraq.



## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                               | Mode        | Duration                                                                                    | Cost (RM)                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Awarding body: IMU                                        |             |                                                                                             |                                                     |
| MSc in Public Health                                      | FT PT A ODL | 1.5-3 yrs*                                                                                  | MS 44,000<br>IS 58,300<br>ODL 35,200*               |
| MSc in Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry            | FT PT A ODL | 1.5-6 yrs*                                                                                  | MS 43,000<br>IS 57,500<br>FT PT 34,400*             |
| MSc in Molecular Medicine                                 | FT PT A ODL | 1.5-4 yrs*                                                                                  | MS 40,000<br>IS 53,650<br>FT PT 32,000*             |
| Master in Pharmacy Practice                               | FT PT A     | FT 1.5 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs                                                                      | MS 40,000<br>IS 53,650                              |
| Health Professions Education                              |             | Postgraduate Certificate: 6 mths-2 yrs<br>Postgraduate Diploma: 1-3 yrs<br>Masters: 2-4 yrs | MS 37,800<br>IS 49,800                              |
| Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry                 | FT PT A     | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2-3 yrs                                                                       | MS 55,000<br>IS 68,750                              |
| MSc in Medical and Health Sciences (By Research)          | FT PT A     | FT 1-4 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs                                                                    | MS 5,500 (per semester)<br>IS 10,750 (per semester) |
| PhD in Medical and Health Sciences (By Research)          | FT PT A     | FT 2-6 yrs<br>PT 4-8 yrs                                                                    | MS 7,200 (per semester)<br>IS 14,050 (per semester) |
| MBA in Healthcare Management                              | FT PT       | FT 15 mths-2.5 yrs<br>PT 2.5-6 yrs                                                          | MS 40,000<br>IS 44,000                              |
| Postgraduate Diploma in Diabetes Management and Education | FT PT       | FT 1 yr<br>PT 3 yrs                                                                         | MS 25,200                                           |
| MSc in Acupuncture                                        | PT          | PT 2.5-5 yrs                                                                                | Local Track: 50,000<br>Double Degree Track: 120,000 |

\* represents the option of Open Distance Learning ODL



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# POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

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## PROGRAMMES

- **Business Administration in Healthcare Management**

*(PG Cert / PG Dip / Master)*

KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1082)9/2023

KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1090)12/2023

KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1085)10/2023

MAR

- **Diabetes Management and Education**

*(PG Dip)*

KPT/JPT(N/726/7/0030)02/2023

MAR | JUL

- **Acupuncture**

*(MSc)*

KPT/JPT(N/721/7/0071)03/2022

SEP

- **Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry**

*(MSc)*

KPT/JPT(R-CDL/442/7/0001)01/2022

MAR | SEP

- **Health Professions Education**

*(PG Cert / PG Dip / Master)*

KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0064)09/2020

KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0066)09/2020

KPM/JPT(N/145/7/0070)09/2020

MAR

- **Implant Dentistry**

*(PG Dip)*

KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0019)06/2021

OCT

- **Molecular Medicine<sup>#</sup>**

*(MSc)*

KPT/JPT(R/545/7/0078)07/2022

MAR | SEP

- **Pharmacy Practice**  
*(Master)*

KPT/JPT(R/727/7/0051)03/2024

MAR | SEP

- **Public Health<sup>#</sup>**  
*(MSc)*

KPT/JPT(R/720/7/0077)09/2020

MAR | SEP

- **Medical and Health Sciences**

*(MSc / PhD by Research)*

KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0049)06/2026

KPT/JPT(R/721/8/0043)01/2020

Throughout the year

**# OPEN AND DISTANCE LEARNING (ODL)**  
mode available



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

March, July, September

### DEADLINES

25 February, 15 July, 26 August

## OTHER INFORMATION

### FACILITIES

- Walking distance accommodation
- Clinical posting at private hospitals
- Transportation
- Library
- Hi-end laboratories
- Sports facilities

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

<https://www.kpjuc.edu.my/programme/>

### APPLICATIONS

<https://www.kpjuc.edu.my/admissions/>

KPJ Healthcare University College (KPJUC) (formerly known as PNC International College of Nursing and Health Sciences) is a subsidiary of KPJ Healthcare Berhad, a key private healthcare services provider. Established on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1991, KPJUC has been right from the outset, a progressive and entrepreneurial institution of higher learning with an international vision, placing students at the core of the heart of everything it does.

KPJUC with 27 years of valuable experience and unsurpassed academic track record is a premier college of higher learning recognised locally and internationally. It has registered a growth that is dynamic, meteoric and has made an indelible mark in its achievements ever since its inception. Its rapid expansion to fulfill market demands has made KPJUC not only a very viable business entity but also a reliable and credible service provider. KPJUC has a tradition of purposeful nurturing of talents, in tandem with the ideals of caring, perseverance, adaptability, versatility and selflessness. The students are instilled with an

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## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                                                             | Mode | Duration | Cost (RM)                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|--------------------------|
| <b>Awarding body: KPJUC</b>                                                             |      |          |                          |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing<br>(N/723/8/0051 & MQA/PA 2171)                         | FT   | 4 yrs    | US 40,000                |
|                                                                                         | PT   | 3 yrs    | IS 56,000                |
| Master of Science in Nursing<br>(R/723/7/0050 & MQA/FA 2133)                            | FT   | 3 yrs    | US 28,000                |
|                                                                                         | PT   | 2 yrs    | IS 50,000                |
| Master of Sciences in<br>Pharmaceutical Technology<br>(N/727/7/0019 & MQA/PA 2137)      | FT   | 3 yrs    | US 28,000                |
|                                                                                         | PT   | 2 yrs    | IS 50,000                |
| Master of Physiotherapy<br>(N/726/7/0018 & MQA/PA 2169)                                 | FT   | 3 yrs    | US 28,000                |
|                                                                                         | PT   | 2 yrs    | IS 50,000                |
| Master of Otorhinolaryngology-<br>Head and Neck Surgery<br>(R/721/7/0024 & MQA/FA 2135) | FT   | 4 yrs    | US 200,000<br>IS 280,000 |
| Master of Radiology<br>(N/721/7/0036 & MQA/PA 2646)                                     | FT   | 4 yrs    | US 250,000<br>IS 350,000 |
| Master of Orthopaedic<br>(N/721/7/0051 & MQA/PA 2645)                                   | FT   | 4 yrs    | US 250,000<br>IS 350,000 |
| Master of General Surgery<br>(N/721/7/0052 & MQA/PA 5701)                               | FT   | 4 yrs    | US 250,000<br>IS 350,000 |
| Postgraduate Training in Internal<br>Medicine (preparation for<br>MRCP examination)     | FT   | 4.5 yrs  | US 170,000               |





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## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

January, April, July, October

### DEADLINES

25 February, 15 July, 26 August

## OTHER INFORMATION

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Subject to individual programme's entry requirement(s), available online and on-campus

### APPLICATIONS

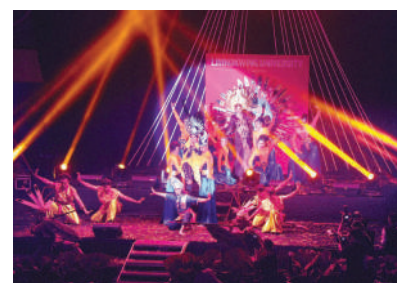
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## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                                            | Mode | Duration | Cost (RM) |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|-----------|
| <b>Awarding body: Limkokwing University of Creative Technology</b>     |      |          |           |
| Master of Arts (Innovation Management)                                 | FT ▲ | 2 yrs    | 27,000    |
| Master of Arts in Fashion and Brand Management                         | FT ▲ | 2 yrs    | 42,000    |
| Master of Arts in International Contemporary Art & Design Practice     | FT ▲ | 2 yrs    | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration in Leisure & Tourism Management      | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration in Multimedia Management             | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration in Finance & Banking                 | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration in Sport Management                  | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management         | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration in Communication and Public Relation | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration in General Management                | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration (Business Innovation)                | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Business Administration (Entrepreneurship)                   | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| MBA in Project Management                                              | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 27,000    |
| Master of Science in Software Management                               | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Science in Software Engineering                              | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Science in Computer Networking                               | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master in Digital Film and Television                                  | FT ▲ | 1.5 yrs  | 39,999    |
| Master of Communication                                                | FT ▲ | 2 yrs    | 29,950    |
| Master of Architecture                                                 | FT ▲ | 2 yrs    | 60,200    |
| Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Management                                  | FT ▲ | 3 yrs    | 13,750    |



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fairs, school visits, etc). It is also an information centre, where students interested in furthering their studies in France can get information and assistance every step of their project. Thanks to more than 10 years of experience on the field, MFUC's expertise is much appreciated by higher education institutions, which rely on the organisation to identify potential partners. MFUC also plays a key role to assist the alumni in their job search through the France Alumni platform or in organising networking events.





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## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

- MCMS: February
- MBIS, MIB, MAE, MPC: February, July
- Research degrees: Throughout the year, subject to availability of supervision

### DEADLINES

Refer to [www.monash.edu.my/study/apply/intake-periods](http://www.monash.edu.my/study/apply/intake-periods)

## OTHER INFORMATION

### FACILITIES

- Computer laboratories and wireless connectivity on campus, 24-hour campus security, banking services, bookstore, cafeterias, religious facilities, parking facilities, sports and recreation facilities, and accommodation located in the campus vicinity
- Counselling services & Health and wellness centre
- Monash Career Gateway (job and internship online portal)
- Laboratories for practical, experimental and research work (Key labs: Focus Group Room, Simulated Trading Lab, Neurobusiness Behavioural Lab, Civil and Heavy Structure Lab, and Virtual Practice Environment)
- School of Graduate Professional Studies
- Smart classrooms
- The library offers a comprehensive online collection of 2,000 online databases, 119,000 e-journals and 1.3 million e-books

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Monash Alumni Bursaries
  - Master of Professional Counselling Scholarship
  - Master of Advanced Engineering (Energy and Sustainability) Scholarship
  - Graduate Research Merit Scholarships (Master and PhD)
  - Graduate Research Pathway Scholarships
- Refer to [www.monash.edu.my/study/scholarships-and-financial-assistance](http://www.monash.edu.my/study/scholarships-and-financial-assistance)

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Academic entry requirements: [www.monash.edu.my/study/entry-requirements/academic](http://www.monash.edu.my/study/entry-requirements/academic)
- English language proficiency: [www.monash.edu.my/study/entry-requirements/english](http://www.monash.edu.my/study/entry-requirements/english)

## APPLICATIONS

- Online application at [www.monash.edu.my/study/apply/application-form](http://www.monash.edu.my/study/apply/application-form)
- Application forms are also available at Monash Malaysia campus.

Established in 1998, Monash University Malaysia carries the distinction of being the Malaysian constituent of a premier research-intensive Australian university ranked among the top 100 universities in the world, and a member of Australia's Group of Eight (Go8). As an independent, self-accrediting institution of higher education, we attract students from all over the world. Approximately 8,000 students representing 77 nationalities are currently enrolled.

We offer a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in the areas of Arts & Social Sciences, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Medicine & Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Psychology and Science, which are directly linked to the human resource needs of Malaysia

and the region. All courses are accredited in Malaysia and Australia, ensuring an education that is locally relevant and internationally recognised.

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## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                                      | Mode  | Duration                   | Cost (RM)                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Awarding body: Monash University</b>                          |       |                            |                                              |
| Master of International Business (MIB)                           | FT PT | FT 1.5-2 yrs<br>PT 3-4 yrs | 54,100 (full course)<br>59,450 (full course) |
| Master of Business Information Systems (MBIS)                    | FT PT | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | 54,100 (full course)<br>59,500 (full course) |
| Master of Communications and Media Studies (MCMS)                | FT PT | FT 1.5 yrs<br>PT 3 yrs     | 48,650 (full course)<br>53,500 (full course) |
| Master of Advanced Engineering (Energy and Sustainability) (MAE) | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | 49,000 (full course)<br>53,900 (full course) |
| Master of Professional Counselling (MPC)                         | FT PT | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | 66,300 (full course)<br>72,900 (full course) |
| Master of Arts                                                   | FT PT | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |
| Postgraduate Diploma in Business and Commerce                    | FT    | 1 yr                       | 34,600 (per yr)<br>38,100 (per yr)           |
| Postgraduate Diploma in Science                                  | FT    | 1 yr                       | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |
| <u>Master of Philosophy</u>                                      |       |                            |                                              |
| • Business                                                       | FT PT | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |
| • IT                                                             |       |                            |                                              |
| Master of Engineering Science (Research)                         | FT PT | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |
| Postgraduate Diploma in Biomedical Science                       | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |
| Master of Biomedical Science                                     | FT PT | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |
| Master of Science                                                | FT PT | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |
| <u>Doctor of Philosophy</u>                                      |       |                            |                                              |
| • Arts & Social Sciences                                         |       |                            |                                              |
| • Engineering                                                    |       |                            |                                              |
| • IT                                                             |       |                            |                                              |
| • Medicine & Health Science                                      |       |                            |                                              |
| • Pharmacy                                                       |       |                            |                                              |
| • Science                                                        | FT PT | FT 3-4 yrs<br>PT 6-8 yrs   | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |
| <u>Doctor of Philosophy</u>                                      |       |                            |                                              |
| • Business                                                       | FT PT | FT 2-4 yrs<br>PT 4-8 yrs   | 41,100 (per yr)<br>45,200 (per yr)           |



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

January, September

### DEADLINES

30<sup>th</sup> May

## OTHER INFORMATION

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Full-scholarships
- Partial-scholarships

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Recognised degree for postgraduate Master
- A Level, STPM or UEC for degree entry

### APPLICATIONS

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## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                            | Mode | Duration | Awarding bodies                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------|------|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MSc in Bio-Technology                  | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | University College Dublin, National University of Ireland Galway                                   |
| MSc / MA in Psychology                 | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | University of Limerick, Maynooth University                                                        |
| MSc in Data Analytics                  | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | Letterkenny Institute of Technology, Athlone Institute of Technology, Cork Institute of Technology |
| MSc in Fintech                         | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | Dublin Business School                                                                             |
| MA in Management                       | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | Technological University of Dublin, Waterford Institute of Technology, Dublin City University      |
| MA in Accounting                       | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | Griffith College, Dublin Business School, Waterford Institute of Technology                        |
| MSc in Sport Science                   | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | University of Limerick, University College Dublin, Institute of Technology Carlow                  |
| MSc in Computing Science / Informatics | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | Griffith College, Dublin Business School, Dundalk Institute of Technology                          |
| MA in Digital marketing                | FT ▲ | 1 yr     | National University of Ireland Galway, Dublin City University, Dublin Business School              |



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

February, July, September

### DEADLINES

To refer engagement & enrolment department  
<http://www2.msu.edu.my/enquiry/>

## OTHER INFORMATION

### FACILITIES

- MSU Medical Centre
- Chancellor hall
- Performing art theatre
- Science lab
- Library & resources
- Wireless internet access
- The Residence – In-campus housing
- The Hub – Eateries facilities

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- EPF
- President Scholarship
- Flexible payment

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

For more information please visit  
<http://www2.msu.edu.my/enquiry/>

### APPLICATIONS

For application forms, please visit  
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Management & Science University (MSU) is one of Malaysia's top universities with a focus on developing and delivering quality human capital in national and global critical-need areas; among these are Medicine, Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Information Sciences, and Engineering, besides Business Management & Professional Studies, Education & Social Sciences, Hospitality & Culinary, and Music & Fashion.

MSU is listed in Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings (WUR) as among the top 541 to 550 globally ranked institutions of higher learning. This global ranking positioned the university among the fifty-one per cent (51%) of the one-thousand global universities ranked by QS in its 2020 edition.

The university also secures yet another world-class achievement with its listing as Top 100 Young University in the World Ranked Under Top 50 Under 50 University 2020.

Its other accolades garnered over nearly four decades include Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact

Rankings at 301 overall and places in the top 200 for gender equality as well as reduced inequalities; and 271<sup>st</sup> on QS Asia Rankings 2019 among Asia's top 2% best universities; as well as 5-Stars on QS World Universities Rating 2019 for teaching, graduate employability, facilities, social responsibility, and inclusiveness.

The achievement reflects MSU's continued commitment towards internationalisation.

MSU offers industry relevant programmes of study with a strong focus on quality and graduates employability. The areas of studies offered are balanced with activities that provide opportunities for students to enhance their soft-skills and personal enrichment competencies.

Various national and international accolades were gained for the university's involvement in the regional higher education landscape.

Aptly cradled by its tagline of 'Transforming Lives, Enriching Future', MSU looks poised as a university that is progressively relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                               | Mode   | Duration                 | Cost (RM)                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Awarding body: Management and Science University (MSU)    |        |                          |                                            |
| PhD Management/ Business                                  | FT     | 2 yrs                    | 18,000 per course<br>USD 7,760 per course  |
| PhD (Accounting/ Finance)                                 | FT     | 2 yrs                    | 18,000 per course<br>USD 7,760 per course  |
| Master in Business Administration                         | FT     | 1.5 yrs                  | 18,200 per course<br>USD 7,715 per course  |
| Master of Science (Accounting/ Finance)                   | FT  PT | 2 yrs                    | 9,000 per course<br>USD 4,140 per course   |
| Master of Education (Teaching English as Second Language) | FT  PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs      | 32,320 per course<br>USD 12,200 per course |
| Master in Counselling and Guidance                        | FT     | 1 yr 4 mths              | 32,320 per course<br>USD 12,200 per course |
| Doctor of Philosophy (Computer Science)                   | FT     | 2 yrs                    | 21,500 per course<br>USD 9,140 per course  |
| PhD (Information and Communication Technology)            | FT     | 2 yrs                    | 21,500 per course<br>USD 9,140 per course  |
| PhD - Biomedicine                                         | FT     | 2 yrs                    | 24,000 per course<br>USD 10,520 per course |
| Master in Computer Science                                | FT  PT | FT 2-4 yrs<br>PT 3-6 yrs | 11,000 per course<br>USD 5,000 per course  |
| Master in Information Technology                          | FT  PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs      | 11,000 per course<br>USD 5,000 per course  |
| Master of Pharmacy                                        | FT  PT | FT 3-6 yrs<br>PT 4-8 yrs | 39,000 per course<br>USD 14,300 per course |

For further enquiries on more MSU's postgraduate programme offered at MSU, please visit [www.msu.edu.my](http://www.msu.edu.my)



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

#### February

- All postgraduate taught programmes in the School of Politics, History and International Relations
- All research programmes (excluding programmes in the School of Economics and Nottingham University Business School)
- Part-time MBA programmes in Nottingham University Business School
- Selected postgraduate taught programmes in Division of Organisational and Applied Psychology

#### April

- All research programmes (excluding programmes in the School of Economics, School of English and Nottingham University Business School)

#### June

- Postgraduate taught programmes in the School of Education

#### July

- All research programmes (excluding programmes in the School of Economics, School of English and Nottingham University Business School)

#### September

- All postgraduate taught programmes (excluding programmes in the School of Education)

- All postgraduate research programmes

#### December

- Postgraduate taught programmes in the School of Education

## OTHER INFORMATION

### FACILITIES

Health service, sport complex, library, WiFi access, cafeterias, wellbeing and learning support, careers advisory service, student services centre

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Refer to [nottingham.edu.my/scholarships](http://nottingham.edu.my/scholarships)

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Refer to [nottingham.edu.my/pgstudy](http://nottingham.edu.my/pgstudy)

### APPLICATIONS

Refer to [nottingham.edu.my/applications](http://nottingham.edu.my/applications)

The University of Nottingham Malaysia (UNM) is described by The Times Good University Guide 2015 as "the nearest Britain has to a truly global university, with campuses in China and Malaysia modelled on a headquarters that is among the most attractive in Britain".

UNM opened in September 2000 and became the first British university to set up a campus both outside of the UK, in Malaysia and China, earning The University of Nottingham the Queen's Award for Industry (International Trade) 2006. In 2017, we were awarded with a 5-star rating for the quality of its research and innovation, making it among the highest rated international university in Malaysia in The Malaysia Research Assessment (MyRA).

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on an attractive and landscaped 125-acre site. In Malaysia, the University has about 5,000 students and around 700 teaching and administrative staff from all over the world.

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The University of Nottingham is proud of its international reputation for world changing research, a reputation which extends across all of our campuses. We were rated No. 8 for research power in the latest Research Excellence Framework.

Our programmes are identical to those offered at The University of Nottingham in the UK and follow the same quality assurance processes, and students are awarded University of Nottingham degree certificates when they complete their course.

## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                                                                                                                                                             | Mode    | Duration           | Cost (RM)                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Awarding body: University of Nottingham Malaysia</b>                                                                                                                                 |         |                    |                                                                                       |
| MSc Business and Management                                                                                                                                                             | FT ▲    | 1 yr               | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 46,000 (full course)<br>55,200 (full course) |
| MSc Chemical Engineering                                                                                                                                                                | FT ▲    | 1 yr               | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 51,600 (full course)<br>59,500 (full course) |
| MSc Civil Engineering                                                                                                                                                                   | FT ▲    | 1 yr               | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 51,600 (full course)<br>59,500 (full course) |
| MSc Computer Science                                                                                                                                                                    | FT ▲    | 1 yr               | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 47,700 (full course)<br>51,900 (full course) |
| MA Education                                                                                                                                                                            | FT PT ▲ | 1-2 yrs<br>2-4 yrs | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 46,000 (full course)<br>55,200 (full course) |
| MA Educational Leadership and Management                                                                                                                                                | FT PT ▲ | 1-2 yrs<br>2-4 yrs | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 46,000 (full course)<br>55,200 (full course) |
| MSc Electronic Communications and Computer Engineering                                                                                                                                  | FT ▲    | 1 yr               | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 51,600 (full course)<br>59,500 (full course) |
| MA English Language and Literature                                                                                                                                                      | FT PT ▲ | 1 yr<br>2-3 yrs    | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 36,800 (full course)<br>44,200 (full course) |
| Master of Business Administration (MBA)                                                                                                                                                 | FT PT ▲ | 1 yr<br>2-4 yrs    | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 60,500 (full course)<br>66,700 (full course) |
| MSc Professional Accountancy                                                                                                                                                            | FT PT ▲ | 1 yr<br>2-4 yrs    | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 49,500 (full course)<br>58,300 (full course) |
| <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> <b>MRes (Molecular)</b><br><div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 60,000 (per year)<br>60,000 (per year)                                     |         |                    |                                                                                       |
| <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> <b>MRes</b><br><div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 60,000 (per year)<br>60,000 (per year)                                                 |         |                    |                                                                                       |
| <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> <b>MRes (Non-molecular)</b><br><div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 49,100 (per year)<br>57,200 (per year)                                 |         |                    |                                                                                       |
| <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> <b>MPhil</b><br><div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 57,200 (per year)<br>67,900 (per year)                                                |         |                    |                                                                                       |
| <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> <b>MPhil/PhD (Molecular)</b><br><div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 67,900 (per year)<br>72,600 (per year)                                |         |                    |                                                                                       |
| <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> <b>MPhil/PhD (Non-molecular)</b><br><div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 49,100 (per year)<br>57,200 (per year)                            |         |                    |                                                                                       |
| <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> <b>MRes/MPhil/PhD Biosciences research programmes</b><br><div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 35,700 (full course)<br>41,900 (full course) |         |                    |                                                                                       |
| PhD Economics programme                                                                                                                                                                 | FT PT ▲ | 3 yrs<br>6 yrs     | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 35,700 (full course)<br>41,900 (full course) |
| PhD Media, Language and Cultures                                                                                                                                                        | FT PT ▲ | 3-4 yrs<br>6-8 yrs | <div> <div>NS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 35,700 (full course)<br>41,900 (full course) |

Please browse <https://www.nottingham.edu.my/study/study.aspx> for other programmes




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**IMPORTANT DATES**
**INTAKES**
**By Coursework:**

January, July, September

**By Research:**

January, April, July &amp; October

**DEADLINES**

25 February, 15 July, 26 August

**OTHER INFORMATION**
**FACILITIES**

 Accommodation, sport & recreation,  
 classroom/laboratories/library/information,  
 resources centre, Wi-Fi, student lounge

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID**

 Bank loan, EPF withdrawal, MARA, UniKL  
 Yayasan Tunku Abdullah Scholarship (YTAS)

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
**Master's Degree Programmes - By research & mixed mode**

- Bachelor's degree in a related field with minimum CGPA of 2.75 from local or any other institutions of higher learning as approved by the Senate of UniKL; or
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in related field with a CGPA between 2.50 to 2.75 is acceptable for admission depends on rigorous internal assessment (for UniKL, the internal assessment is at least 2 years working experience in a related field). or
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent with CGPA less than 2.50, with at least 5 years relevant working experience is acceptable for admission.
- Bachelor of Medicine MD, MBBS or equivalent medical qualification recognized by the Senate (Master of Medical Science only).

**Master's Degree Programmes - By Coursework**

- Bachelor's degree in a related field with minimum CGPA of 2.50 as approved by Senate of UniKL or
- Bachelor's degree or equivalent with CGPA below than 2.5 is acceptable for admission subject to a minimum of 5 years working experience in a related field.
- Bachelor's degree in Engineering / Engineering Technology / Science with CGPA of at least 2.75 as approved by Senate of UniKL; or at least with 2 years working experience in a field to this master-programme (Master of Engineering Technology (Green and Energy Efficient Buildings)

**Doctor of Philosophy Degree Programmes**

- Master's degree from UniKL; or
- Master's degree from other institutions of higher learning, local or international, or equivalent, and approved by the Senate of UniKL

**APPLICATIONS**

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**POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED**

| Course name | Mode | Duration | Cost (RM) |
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**Awarding body: Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) and IHE Delft Institute for Water Education (IHE Delft)**

|                                                      |         |                            |                                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Master of Business Administration                    | FT PT A | FT 1.5 yrs<br>PT 3 yrs     | MS 20,790<br>IS 27,000                                               |
| Master of Manufacturing Management                   | FT PT A | FT 1.3 yrs<br>PT 2.5 yrs   | MS 20,000<br>IS 30,000                                               |
| Master in Computer Science                           | FT PT A | FT 1.5-3 yrs<br>PT 2-4 yrs | MS FT 18,000<br>MS PT 18,100<br>IS FT 29,500                         |
| Master of Public Health                              | FT PT A | FT 1yr<br>PT 2 yrs         | MS 18,000<br>IS 22,000                                               |
| Master of Maritime Operations and Management         | FT PT A | FT 1.5 yrs<br>PT 2.5 yrs   | MS 20,790<br>IS 27,027                                               |
| Master of Science (Water and Hydropower Engineering) | FT PT A | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | MS 75,000<br>IS 115,785                                              |
| Master (by research)                                 | FT PT A | FT 2 yrs<br>PT 3 yrs       | MS FT 1,880 (per sem)<br>MS PT 1,250 (per sem)<br>IS 2,500 (per sem) |
| Doctor of Philosophy (by research)                   | FT PT A | FT 3 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | MS FT 1,880 (per sem)<br>MS PT 1,250 (per sem)<br>IS 2,500 (per sem) |

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# POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION



MBA



Mechanical



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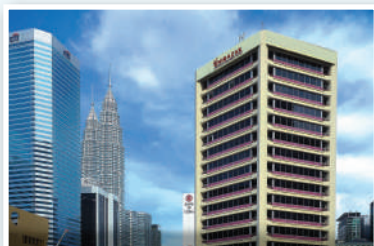
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## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

March, July, November

### DEADLINES

Applications are accepted throughout the year

## OTHER INFORMATION

### FACILITIES

- Gym
- Smart classroom
- Library
- Prayer room
- Classrooms
- Seminar hall
- Computer labs
- Student area
- Accommodation
- Wi-Fi

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Bank loan
- EPF withdrawal (Malaysian)

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

#### Doctor of Philosophy Programme

- A Master's degree from Universiti Tun Abdul Razak or its equivalent from an institution of higher learning recognised by the Malaysian Government or any other equivalent qualification recognised by the University Senate

#### Masters Programme

- A Bachelor's degree with minimum CGPA of 2.75 or equivalent; or
- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent not meeting CGPA of 2.50 can be accepted subject to a minimum of 5 years working experience in relevant field
- APEL (Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning)

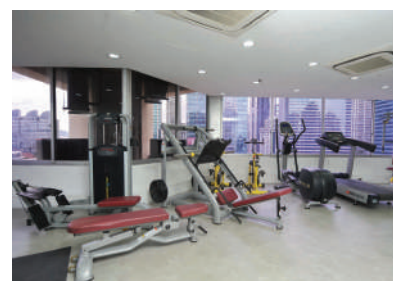
### APPLICATIONS

- Online application <http://sis.unirazak.edu.my/sis-onapp/>
- Softcopy application form [drjo@unirazak.edu.my](mailto:drjo@unirazak.edu.my)

Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (UNIRAZAK) was established on 18 December 1997 and is one of the first private universities in Malaysia. UNIRAZAK is wholly-owned by Yayasan Pelaburan Bumiputra, which also owns Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB). Since 2012, UNIRAZAK has been under the leadership and guidance of our esteemed Chancellor, YABhg. Tun Ahmad Sarji bin Abdul Hamid. UNIRAZAK is known for its coveted degrees which were jointly-developed in partnership with globally renowned professional bodies. This unique approach enabled its students to obtain dual publications: a degree and accreditation by professional bodies relevant to their chosen fields be they in accounting, management, taxation and Islamic banking & finance.

To date, UNIRAZAK's programme partners include CPA Australia, Chartered Management Institute of United Kingdom (CMI), Malaysian Association of Tax Accountants (MATA), Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM), Islamic Banking and Finance Institute Malaysia (IBFIM), Malaysian Institute of Insurance (MII) and others. Today, UNIRAZAK is firmly established as 'Kuala Lumpur's Premier School of Business, Government & Education'.

UNIRAZAK meets the highest standards for tertiary education and has been awarded MSC-status and SIRIM certification ISO 9001:2000. In 2017, UNIRAZAK achieved 4-star ratings for MYRA and SETARA and was bestowed the Ministry of Education's Grand Award for 'Entrepreneurial Private University of the Year' in 2015.



## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name | Mode | Duration | Cost (RM) |
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|-------------|------|----------|-----------|

### Awarding body: UNIRAZAK

|                                                                |           |                            |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Doctor of Philosophy                                           | FT PT A   | FT 3 yrs<br>PT 4 yrs       | MS 30,500<br>IS 50,000 |
| Master of Business Administration (Open and Distance Learning) | FT PT DL  | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | MS 23,710              |
| Master of Business Administration (Conventional)               | FT PT A A | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | MS 23,000<br>IS 44,000 |
| Master of Management                                           | FT A A    | FT 1 yr 8 mths<br>PT 2 yrs | MS 23,000<br>IS 44,000 |
| Master of Philosophy (MPhil)                                   | FT PT A   | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | MS 22,650<br>IS 40,000 |
| Master in Strategic Human Resource Management                  | FT PT A A | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | MS 23,000<br>IS 44,000 |
| Master of Business Administration (Leadership)                 | FT PT A A | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | MS 33,000<br>IS 52,000 |
| Master of Business Administration (Services Management)        | FT PT A A | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | MS 33,000<br>IS 52,000 |
| Master of Business Administration (Retail & Hypermarket)       | FT PT A A | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | MS 33,000<br>IS 52,000 |
| Master of Public Policy                                        | FT PT A A | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs        | MS 23,000<br>IS 44,000 |



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Perak Darul Ridzuan

## Sungai Long Campus

Jalan Sungai Long,  
Bandar Sungai Long, Cheras,  
43000 Kajang,  
Selangor Darul Ehsan

## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

By Research – Throughout the year

By Coursework/Mixed Mode – Jan, May, Oct

## OTHER INFORMATION

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

UTAR offers financial aid in the form of research assistantship:

- Project Research Assistantship
- Research Scholarship Scheme
- Student Assistantship

For more details, please refer to [ipsr.utar.edu.my](http://ipsr.utar.edu.my)

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Log on to [ipsr.utar.edu.my](http://ipsr.utar.edu.my) for more information

### APPLICATIONS

Download application form online, complete the form and send to Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research in UTAR

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) is highly reputed as one of the fastest-growing private higher education institutions in the country since its inception in 2002. From only 411 students, the University now has about 24,000 students with campuses located in Kampar, Perak and Bandar Sungai Long, Selangor. UTAR has graduated over 58,000 students since its inaugural convocation in 2005. The University currently offers more than 110 programmes from Foundation Studies to Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degrees in the fields of Accounting, Business and Economics, Actuarial Science, Mathematics and Process Management, Agriculture and Food Science, Arts, Social Sciences and Education, Chinese Studies, Creative Industries and Design, Engineering and Built Environment, Information and Communication Technology, Life and Physical Sciences, and Medicine and Health Sciences. UTAR was awarded self-accreditation status by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency

of the Ministry of Higher Education in 2017. UTAR also ranked 501-600<sup>th</sup> World University and 111-120<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific University in the Times Higher Education Rankings 2019.

Our university programmes conducted are recognised by local and international professional bodies such as The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, UK (RICS), The Royal Society of Chemistry, UK (RSC), The Society of Actuaries, USA (SOA), The Engineering Accreditation Council (EAC), Board of Engineers Malaysia (BEM), Certified Public Accountants Australia (CPA), The Society of Logisticians Malaysia (LogM), The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), ACCA, CIMA, ICSA, MIA, Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM), Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM), Financial Planning Association of Malaysia (FPAM) and many more.

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## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                                                                                       | Mode  | Duration               | Cost (RM)              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Awarding body: Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman</b>                                                               |       |                        |                        |
| Master of Communication<br>(R/321/7/0001)05/21(A7014)                                                             | FT PT | FT 1.5 yrs<br>PT 2 yrs | FT 11,550<br>PT 11,550 |
| Master of Psychology (Industrial & Organisational Psychology)<br>(R/311/7/0033)08/23(MQA/FA3161)                  | FT PT | FT 1.5 yrs<br>PT 2 yrs | FT 11,550<br>PT 11,550 |
| Master of Business Administration<br>(R/345/7/0729)07/20(A6338)                                                   | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs    | FT 20,950<br>PT 21,750 |
| Master of Business Administration<br>(Building Management)<br>(R/345/7/0113)10/21(MQA/FA0899)                     | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs    | FT 20,950<br>PT 21,750 |
| Master of Business Administration<br>(Corporate Governance)<br>(R/345/7/0728)07/20(A6339)                         | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs    | FT 20,950<br>PT 21,750 |
| Master of Business Administration<br>(Corporate Management)<br>(R/345/7/1067)12/22(MQA/FA2308)                    | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs    | FT 21,450<br>PT 22,250 |
| Master of Chinese Studies<br>(R/224/7/0001)03/21(MQA/FA0124)                                                      | FT PT | FT 1.5 yrs<br>PT 2 yrs | FT 8,550<br>PT 8,550   |
| Master of Architecture<br>(N/581/7/0069)04/20(MQA/PA4684)                                                         | FT    | FT 2 yrs               | FT 26,350              |
| Master of Engineering (Electrical)<br>(R/522/7/0061)09/22(MQA/FA1989)                                             | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs    | FT 18,250<br>PT 19,050 |
| Master of Engineering (Mechanical)<br>(R/521/7/0041)09/22 (MQA/FA1990)                                            | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs    | FT 17,450<br>PT 18,250 |
| Master of Engineering (Electronic Systems)<br>(R/523/7/0083)06/22(MQA/FA1536)<br>(N/523/7/0309)12/22(MQA/PSA9795) | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs    | FT 17,450<br>PT 18,250 |
| Master of Sustainable Construction Management<br>(N/526/7/0138)08/25(MQA/PSA 11375)                               | FT PT | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2 yrs    | FT 17,450<br>PT 18,250 |

\*For more postgraduate programmes available at Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman, please visit [study.utar.edu.my](http://study.utar.edu.my)

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## IMPORTANT DATES

## INTAKES

January, May, July, September

## OTHER INFORMATION

## FACILITIES

- Teaching & learning labs
- Research labs
- Information resource centre
- Auditorium
- Multi-purpose hall
- Cafeteria
- Sports complex
- Student hostel
- ATM
- Mini mart
- Wi-Fi

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Graduate Assistance Scheme
- Graduate Research Assistance Scheme

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry requirements differ from each programme. Please visit <https://www.utp.edu.my/Pages/Admission/Postgraduate/Local-Applicants/Entry-Requirement.aspx>

## APPLICATIONS

Online application:  
<https://admissionpg.utp.edu.my/>

Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP) was established on 10 January 1997 and is a leading private university in Malaysia. The campus is built on a 400-hectare (1,000 acres) site strategically located at Bandar Seri Iskandar, Perak Darul Ridzuan, Malaysia. The university is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PETRONAS, the national oil and gas company of Malaysia.

UTP offers a wide range of industry-relevant engineering, science and technology programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. It aims to produce well-rounded graduates with excellent leadership qualities and

communication abilities.

The university conducts extensive research activities in collaboration with PETRONAS and other institutions and industries, locally and abroad, on six research focus and niche areas. They are self-sustainable building, transport infrastructure, health analytics, hydrocarbon recovery, contaminant management and autonomous system.

UTP has produced more than 15,000 graduates and currently has an enrolment of over 1,200 foundation students, 6,000 undergraduates and 1,200 postgraduates from more than 60 countries around the world.

## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name | Mode | Duration | Cost (RM) |
|-------------|------|----------|-----------|
|-------------|------|----------|-----------|

Awarding body: Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP)

|                                       |            |                          |                                |
|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MBA in Energy Management              | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-2 yrs<br>PT 2-4 yrs | MS 50,000<br>BS 75,000         |
| MSc in Process Safety                 | FT PT ▲    | FT 1 yr<br>PT 2-4 yrs    | 70,000                         |
| MSc in Process Integration            | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-3 yrs<br>PT 2-4 yrs | 31,000                         |
| MSc in Drilling Engineering           | FT ▲       | FT 1-3 yrs               | MS 70,000<br>BS 100,000        |
| MSc in Electronic System Engineering  | FT PT UL ▲ | FT 1-3 yrs<br>PT 2-4 yrs | 25,000                         |
| MSc in Asset Management & Maintenance | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-3 yrs<br>PT 2-4 yrs | 25,000                         |
| MSc in Petroleum Engineering          | FT ▲       | FT 1-2 yrs               | 60,000                         |
| MSc in Petroleum Geoscience           | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-2 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 50,000                         |
| Chemical Engineering                  | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-3 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 6,500 (Masters)<br>9,500 (PhD) |
| Civil Engineering                     | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-3 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 6,500 (Masters)<br>9,500 (PhD) |
| Electrical & Electronic Engineering   | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-3 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 6,500 (Masters)<br>9,500 (PhD) |
| Mechanical Engineering                | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-3 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 6,500 (Masters)<br>9,500 (PhD) |
| Petroleum Engineering                 | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-3 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 6,500 (Masters)<br>9,500 (PhD) |
| Information Systems                   | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-2 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 5,500 (Masters)<br>8,500 (PhD) |
| Information Technology                | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-2 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 5,500 (Masters)<br>8,500 (PhD) |
| Science                               | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-2 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 5,500 (Masters)<br>8,500 (PhD) |
| Petroleum Geoscience                  | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-2 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 6,500 (Masters)<br>9,500 (PhD) |
| Management                            | FT PT ▲    | FT 1-2 yrs<br>PT 2-6 yrs | 4,500 (Masters)<br>6,500 (PhD) |
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**MSc in Asset Management & Maintenance**

JPT/BPP(R/521/7/0161)08/22

**MSc in Drilling Engineering**

JPT/BPP(N/544/7/0003)08/19

**MSc in Electronics Systems Engineering**

JPT/BPP(R/523/7/0098)10/22

**MSc in Offshore Engineering**

JPT/BPP(N/526/7/0080)08/19

**MSc in Petroleum Engineering**

JPT/BPP(R/524/7/0046)05/20

**MSc in Petroleum Geoscience**

JPT/BPP(R/443/7/0001)07/21

**MSc in Process Integration**

JPT/BPP(R/524/7/0040)07/24

**MSc in Process Safety**

JPT/BPP(N/540/7/0015)12/20

## PhD & MASTER PROGRAMMES BY RESEARCH

**PhD / Master in Chemical Engineering**

JPT/BPP(R/524/8/0018)12/22, JPT/BPP(R/524/7/0008)02/22

**PhD / Master in Civil Engineering**

JPT/BPP(R/526/8/0019)12/22, JPT/BPP(R/526/7/0020)12/22

**PhD / Master in Electrical & Electronic Engineering**

JPT/BPP(R/523/8/0036)12/22, JPT/BPP(R/523/7/0289)02/22

**PhD / Master in Mechanical Engineering**

JPT/BPP(R/521/8/0040)12/22, JPT/BPP(R/521/7/0022)03/22

**PhD / Master in Petroleum Engineering**

JPT/BPP(R/524/8/0017)12/22, JPT/BPP(R/521/8/0019)12/22

**PhD / Master in Petroleum Geoscience**

JPT/BPP(R/544/8/0020)12/22, JPT/BPP(R/524/7/0021)12/22

**PhD / Master in Information Systems**

JPT/BPP(N/482/8/0166)03/23, JPT/BPP(N/482/7/0153)03/23

**PhD / Master in Information Technology**

JPT/BPP(R/481/8/0234)02/23, JPT/BPP(R/481/7/0225)10/22

**PhD / Master in Applied Science**

JPT/BPP(R/545/8/0015)07/22, JPT/BPP(R/545/7/0016)07/22

**PhD / MPhil in Management**

JPT/BPP(R/345/8/0243)09/22, JPT/BPP(R/345/7/0242)08/22

**PhD / MPhil in Social Science & Humanities**

JPT/BPP(R/220/8/0010)09/24, JPT/BPP(R/220/7/0009)08/22



## College of Graduate Studies

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43000 Kajang, Selangor Darul Ehsan

## IMPORTANT DATES

### INTAKES

May, Oct, March

### DEADLINES

18 September 2019, 06 March 2020,  
29 May 2020

## OTHER INFORMATION

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- Postgraduate Excellence Scholarship (PhD) – RM36,000
- Postgraduate Excellence Scholarship (Master) – RM24,000
- Postgraduate Talent Scholarship (PhD/Master) – RM12,000

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### Doctor of Philosophy (By Research)

- Masters in the relevant domain, or;
- Masters in a related domain with 2-year experience in the domain, or;
- Bachelors in the domain with 1st class with honours or CGPA 3.67\* and above. For this qualification, candidates must register for Master Programme (research), and apply for conversion to PhD in not earlier than six months and within one year of registration but subject to assessments and approval by Senate. For detail of conversion scheme, refer to COGS Academic Regulation.

### Master (By Research/Mixed Mode)

- Bachelors in the relevant domain with 2nd class upper with honours or CGPA 2.75\* and above, or;
- Bachelors in the relevant domain with 2nd class lower with honours or CGPA 2.50\*-2.74\*, and 1-year experience in the domain, or;
- Bachelors in the relevant domain with CGPA below 2.50, and 5-year experience in the domain
- Bachelors in a related domain with 2nd class upper with honours or CGPA 2.75\* and above, and 1-year experience in the domain

### Master (By Coursework)

- Bachelors in the relevant or related domain with 2nd class lower with honours or CGPA 2.50\* and above, or;
- Bachelors in a related domain with 2nd class upper with honours or CGPA 2.75\* and above, and 1-year experience in the domain

\*The CGPA is out of 4.0

\*\*Entry requirements are correct at the time of printing and Senate UNITEN may decide on eligibility of students as and when required

## APPLICATIONS

Online application at <https://apply.uniten.edu.my/newpgapps/>

Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) was established by Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) in 1997 has been at the forefront of energy research, leveraging TNB's solid industry experience in power generation, transmission and distribution. UNITEN takes pride in its ability to synergise soft skills with engineering, information technology and business management knowledge to prepare professional graduates. The university is making a steady progress towards becoming the tertiary education institution of choice in the region. UNITEN has been employing the state-of-the-art facilities, sophisticated infrastructure and world-class teaching faculties to enhance a dynamic and vibrant learning environment. To date,

the university has produced over 30,000 graduates from its diploma, degree and post-graduate programmes. Furthermore, UNITEN graduates are highly sought-after by the industry with the employability rate of 94 percent (2019). In the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asian University Rankings, UNITEN is ranked 234<sup>th</sup> in 2019 and in the 2019 QS Top 50 under 50 Rankings (World) at #101-150. UNITEN has climbed up to the 255<sup>th</sup> position in the 2018 QS World University Rankings by Subject in Engineering and Technology. In the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, UNITEN is ranked 171<sup>st</sup> in Asia, 12<sup>th</sup> in ASEAN and 7<sup>th</sup> in Malaysia.

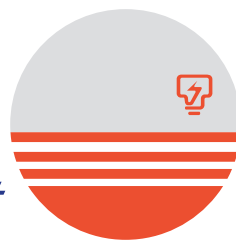
## POSTGRADUATE COURSES OFFERED

| Course name                                                      | Mode    | Duration                                                    | Cost (RM)                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Awarding body: Universiti Tenaga Nasional</b>                 |         |                                                             |                                                                           |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management                      | FT PT A | 2-7 yrs                                                     | <div> <div>US</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 4,250/sem<br>4,775/sem           |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering                              | FT PT A | 2-7 yrs                                                     | <div> <div>MS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 4,750/sem<br>5,250/sem           |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Science                       | FT PT A | 2-7 yrs                                                     | <div> <div>US</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 4,750/sem<br>5,250/sem           |
| Doctor of Philosophy in Information and Communication Technology | FT PT A | 2-7 yrs                                                     | <div> <div>MS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 4,250/sem<br>4,775/sem           |
| Master in Engineering Management                                 | FT PT A | <div> <div>FT</div> <div>PT</div> </div> 1-3 yrs<br>2-4 yrs | <div> <div>MS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 31,350/program<br>34,350/program |
| Master of Business Administration                                | FT PT A | <div> <div>FT</div> <div>PT</div> </div> 1-3 yrs<br>2-4 yrs | <div> <div>MS</div> <div>IS</div> </div> 31,350/program<br>34,350/program |
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