

Affordable pathway to study in the UK



University of Reading Malaysia's state-of-the-art campus in EduCity Iskandar Johor.



The main library building on the Whiteknights campus in Reading UK.



Reading is a bustling town that has plenty of amenities and is only 30 minutes by train from London.

STUDYING overseas is a dream for many Malaysian students, but the financial costs of doing so are considerable.

Fortunately, the University of Reading (UK), with its international branch campus in Malaysia, offers a cost-effective and affordable solution to an overseas education where students benefit from an experience on both campuses in Malaysia and the UK.

Renowned for the quality of its teaching, research and graduate employability, the university is consistently ranked in the Top 100 in the World for International Outlook by the Times Higher Education (2022).

The university's branch campus in Malaysia, located in EduCity Iskandar, first opened the doors to its iconic, state-of-the-art campus complex in 2015, and currently offers degrees in the following disciplines:

- Accounting and Finance
- Finance and Business Management
- Management and business
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- Psychology (with or without a one-year professional placement)
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The programmes are identical to those on the UK campus, following the same curriculum and academic quality standards, and upon gradu-

ation, students are awarded the same University of Reading degree.

■ Further details of the programmes offered at the Malaysia campus can be found at <https://www.reading.edu.my/programmes>

Flexible UK study options

Students at the Malaysia campus have the option of spending one or even two years studying at the university's campus in Reading, UK. This is a great option for parents who want to provide their child with the experience of an overseas education but wish to reduce the financial burden of doing so.

The experience of living and studying in the UK provides many benefits including the opportunity to:

- Meet new friends and expand your network
- Embrace a new culture and environment
- Enhance your intercultural awareness
- Develop your independence
- Improve your spoken English
- Learn from different academic staff members
- Sample different learning methods and approaches
- Showcase your global awareness on your CV

It is generally recommended that students complete Year One at the Malaysia campus and, if they so



The sprawling 130ha (321-acre) campus looks fabulous every season of the year.

wish, spend Year Two studying in the UK. Students can then decide whether they would like to return to the Malaysia campus for Year Three or stay in the UK.

As a guide, the programme fees for students at the Malaysia campus are around one-third of those of the UK campus. Student living and accommodation costs in Malaysia are also considerably cheaper than the UK.

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Reading UK campus

The university's main Whiteknights campus in the UK is set on 130ha (321 acres) of beautiful parkland and has won the Green Flag award 11 times in a row, making it one of the UK's best green spaces. The campus has everything a student could need, including sports facilities, eateries, a supermarket and on-campus accommodation.

As well as a newly refurbished

library, there is an award-winning Students' Union with over 150 clubs, societies, and volunteering opportunities.

■ A virtual tour of the UK campus is available at www.reading.ac.uk/virtual-experience

The university is only a short bus ride away from Reading town centre, which has ample shops, restaurants, and amenities. The Oracle shopping centre is home to the big names in retail, but there are also independent stores and boutiques around town. You'll find a lively riverside bar and restaurant area, cinemas, sports clubs and plenty of pubs, cafes and parks.

Reading town is also conveniently located, being only a 30-minute train ride from London, meaning students have plenty to explore during the weekends.

University entry

Students can apply to start their studies at the Malaysia campus either in July or September.

Students with A-levels, STPM, UEC or equivalent can apply for direct entry to their chosen undergraduate degree.

Students with SPM, IGCSE or equivalent qualifications can apply to the International Foundation Programme (IFP), which provides them a pathway to their chosen undergraduate degree.

Scholarships are available based on academic results on entry.

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Opening hours are Monday to Friday 9am-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. The campus is located at Educity, Iskandar Puteri Johor, Malaysia.

An international setting for medical students



MSU focuses on producing a qualified medical doctor who not only excels academically but portrays commendable soft skills.



Proveen Krishnan Ravi Krishanan, an MSU MBBS student, currently holds the position of International Medical School Association (IMSA) president at the Bangalore campus.

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MSU'S involvement in the medical and health sciences areas has led to the initiative towards complementing the nation's need for qualified medical personnel in Malaysia and the region.

With the MBBS programme being offered at the main campus in Shah Alam and its off-shore campus in Bangalore, India, MSU looks set to be a major provider of medical education in Malaysia.

"There is no difference in the medical curriculum used at the main campus or our off-shore campus. However, the campus in Bangalore provides the opportunity for students to experience an international setting," said MSU International Medical School (IMS) Dean, Professor Dr Mohamad Khairuddin Abdul Wahab.

He added: "Our involvement in the Indian subcontinent is part and parcel of our international effort in branding and promoting Malaysia's education globally."

Dr Khairuddin who specialises in orthopaedic surgery, is optimistic on the wealth of experience that he brings together with his team of local and international faculty members, to bring MSU on the right course to be among leaders in medical education and medical-related disciplines.

Since its pioneering batch of medical students that graduated in 2012, MSU has contributed to almost 2,000 medical personnel.

"We are confident that the training and exposure acquired by the medical students is sufficient to prepare them for real-life medical settings.

"Becoming a doctor is not just about helping to cure the sick. It is about understanding the sick, thus doctors must be able to communicate effectively with patients. Effective communication has been known to help in the healing process," said Dr Khairuddin.

Students at MSU are exposed to various kinds of activities aimed at enriching their learning experience.

One of the key features of MSU's MBBS programme is the development of holistic, balanced and well-rounded medical graduates.

MSU focuses on producing a qualified medical doctor who not only excels academically but portrays commendable soft skills as well through engagement in

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Professor Dr Mohamad Khairuddin Abdul Wahab

various personal enrichment activities and community services. This is to ensure a long-term continuous effort from MSU towards building quality healthcare providers that meet the nation's objectives.

He added that as part of its benchmarking initiative, MSU has linked itself with several international partner universities as well as medical authorities including India National Medical Commission (NMC), Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) and Maldives Medical and Dental Council (MMDC).

Such linkages would acquire programme recognition and create student and staff mobility activities as well as research between MSU and its partners. All these are an effort on MSU's commitment towards making Malaysia a hub for educational excellence.

Intakes for the MBBS programme are in April and October. Qualified students are required to sit for the Medical Entry Test (MET) at the MSU campus in Shah Alam to determine their aptitude for the MBBS programme.

Alternatively, MSU's Foundation in Science Biology or Health Science offer a fast-track pre-university programme that prepares for entry into MBBS programmes.

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WITH the evolution in businesses and emergence of novel job opportunities, future graduates must equip themselves with sustainable and enduring skills to succeed in the 'new normal'.

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Foundation in Business Administration (FBA)

This programme provides a strong and solid foundation in the areas of business and management. Besides acquiring academic knowledge and skills, students get to develop and hone their creativity and intellectual and critical awareness, enabling them to become better problem solvers.

For those who wish to get a head start on learning business-related subjects and are confident in pursuing a business-related degree, this is the best option.

Upon completion, students can look forward to a smooth transition to any one of the degree programmes offered by the faculty in the areas of Business Management, Marketing, Accounting and Finance, Hospitality Management, Mass Communication and even Business Information Systems.



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Diploma in Business Administration

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Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism Management

This programme is designed for those who aspire to pursue a career in the service and leisure industry. It equips students with the necessary knowledge and practical skills for a wide variety of careers in the hospitality and tourism sector. Through its comprehensive curriculum, students are well prepared for the many challenges of the working world.

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media, career prospects and opportunities in mass communication are tremendous. Students in this programme gain exposure to knowledge and practices in the fields of communication, multimedia, photography, journalism, advertising, marketing and broadcasting to prepare them for employment in a wide range of roles.

Through various projects and assignments students get to develop professional soft skills such as written and oral communication skills, innovative and creative problem-solving skills, and teamwork – key skills employers look for.

Internship and progression

Students from the Diploma in Mass Communication and Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism programmes undergo internship placement in Year Two to gain practical experience and expand

their networking opportunities.

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RUMC's FIS programme is specifically designed to prepare students for their first year in medical school. As an aspiring doctor, students can obtain insights on medicine as a career choice.

This programme caters to IGCSE O-Levels, SPM and its equivalent graduates who are exploring their options. It is a comprehensive pre-university pathway leading to the university's five-year undergraduate medicine programme.

The one-year FIS programme consists of three semesters where students get good exposure to clinical and medical fields in a hospital setting.

The curriculum of the programme emphasises on gaining sufficient practical experience and mastering relevant skills and techniques which enable students to build a solid medical foundation at RUMC before heading to medical school.

Modules of the FIS programme are focused on health sciences, serving as an early introduction to the subjects the students will learn during their first year in medical school. The programme is also instrumental in developing relevant learning skills that are required in medical school among students.

Self-development is another aspect that will benefit the students as the programme outlines the importance of soft skills such as critical thinking, reflective writing and proper oral presentation etiquette to name a few.

At RUMC, FIS students have opportunities to interact with senior medical students and faculty members who are mostly clinicians. This allows students to familiarise themselves with the environment of studying in a medical school and improves their communication and networking skills too.

Transition into medical degree programme

RUMC's FIS programme leads students to its internationally-recognised medical degree programme. Students with a CGPA of 3.5 and above may progress directly into the undergraduate medicine programme, while students with a CGPA below 3.5 will be required to complete the pre-medical foundation year.

The undergraduate medicine programme at RUMC is well known for its unique structure and transnational delivery.

Students begin their journey in medical school with pre-clinical studies in Ireland at either the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) or University College Dublin (UCD) for the first two and a half years. The final two and a half years of clinical studies are carried out in Malaysia at the Penang campus and its teaching hospitals.

Many RUMC students had experienced the advantages of doing the FIS programme during their time at medical school.



Muhammad Aliff: 'Studying the FIS programme at RUMC introduced me to various medical concepts and knowledge which I am currently learning in my pre-clinical years in Dublin.'

One such student is Muhammad Aliff, who is currently in his second year at RCSI, Dublin. Aliff completed his FIS in 2021 and progressed into the RUMC medicine programme the same year.

"Studying the FIS programme at RUMC introduced me to various medical concepts and knowledge which I am currently learning in my pre-clinical years in Dublin," he said.

Another RUMC FIS graduate, Allyna Loo, is currently a third-year medical student at RUMC.

Allyna returned to Penang in January 2022 to continue her clinical studies.

She said the transnational delivery of medicine at RUMC strengthened her passion to study medicine which led her to join the FIS programme in 2018.

"The opportunity to experience my university life abroad is both exhilarating and unforgettable.

"Choosing RUMC's FIS programme has prepared me for their medical degree programme, giving me early exposure to extensive pre-clinical training in Dublin," she said.

After the five-year journey in medical school, students graduate with the internationally recognised Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Obstetrics (MB BCh BAO) degree conferred by the National University of Ireland (NUI), making them competent and clinically distinguished graduates.

Over the last 25 years, RUMC has graduated over 2,000 medical doctors who are currently practising in various countries around the world such as the United Kingdom, United States of America, Ireland, Australia and Canada.

Intake is in progress for the Foundation in Science programme in June 2022 and the Undergraduate Medicine programme in September 2022.

■ For more information, visit www.rcsiucd.edu.my or call 04-2171 888. Alternatively, for general enquiries, call 04-2171 999 or email enquiry@rcsiucd.edu.my

Geared up for graduation and the future

OVER 200 soon-to-graduate students of Curtin University Malaysia (Curtin Malaysia) attended pre-graduation sessions designed to prepare them for graduation and entering the workforce. They were also briefed on registration with professional bodies and postgraduate studies options at Curtin Malaysia.

The students, 122 of whom attended physically and another 92 online, were from the business, humanities and health sciences, and engineering and science faculties.

The sessions marked the close of the students' final semester.

They included a separate briefing session for Faculty of Engineering and Science students and a combined session for Faculty of Business and Faculty of Humanities and Health Sciences students, followed by a session for all students where they were briefed on the requirements for graduation and registration for their graduation ceremonies.

A forum with five Curtin Malaysia alumni was also held where they shared the significance of their



Research and Development dean Prof Agus Saptoru briefing students on postgraduate studies.

Curtin education and qualifications in their professions, and their experiences transitioning from university students to becoming young professionals. They also talked about the current situation in their respective industries, including career prospects for new graduates and how the global pandemic has affected the job market.

Among the alumni were Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and Management and Master of Philosophy in Management graduate

Ting Qian Hui who is now pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at Curtin Malaysia, Bachelor of Commerce in Management and Marketing graduate and a premier relationship manager with HSBC Malaysia, Kenny Hii Shin Yao, and Bachelor of Engineering in Chemical Engineering graduate and now a technical service engineer with Lotte Chemical Titan Malaysia, Jimmy Tan Hong Koon.

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Choosing medicine as your calling

AT one point or another we have made a trip to the doctor's office. As a familiar character in our lives, it comes as no surprise why many young Malaysians have chosen the medical field as their career of choice after leaving high school.

However, would delving into the long process of an MBBS programme only lead to a career as a practising doctor?

Students might be surprised to learn that there are multiple pathways these days upon qualifying as a doctor.

This could include advancing into research, going into corporate organisations to become a hospital manager, administrator or occupational health specialist, or even choosing to serve the community by being in public health.

That said, qualifying with an MBBS is merely the first step as it is no longer a fixed road to being a practising clinician.

The practitioner

The world will never have too many physicians. With a growing population, a practising doctor is still much needed in all sectors of society.

Moreover, should you embark on this noble journey, it is important to sharpen skills that will be among the most valuable in a future where technology dictates.

The researcher

This is for the doctors who are constantly intrigued by how things start and how things can be



A professor demonstrating a procedure to students during an Obstetrics and Gynaecology class.

resolved, or diseases cured.

Research work is also more structured today as compared to before, whereby evidence collected is based on a cross-section of causes.

With the advent of the systematic review, the physician research is now part of a larger multidisciplinary team as the study must incorporate a complete, exhaustive summary of current evidence relevant to the subject matter.

The community adviser

Have you ever dreamed of assisting groups of people at a time? If so, then a career as a community

adviser in public health would be the right path for you.

You would also need a passion for medicine coupled with mathematics and statistics as your core ingredients in excelling in this pathway.

By being able to read into trends and form analytical solutions, a public health physician would be better able to formulate strategic preventive measures.

Excel in an MBBS programme

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MUCM's resort-style campus provides students with an environment that is conducive for learning.

is miles ahead as a top medical school.

The name Manipal has resonated with the Malaysian healthcare system for the past 68 years with thousands of medical doctors graduating from Manipal in India and over the last 25 years in Melaka.

The contribution from the graduates to the healthcare services is time-tested within the country with many others creating a mark in the US, the UK and in Australia.

Students are guided to find their true paths before graduation as they are continuously exposed to the real lives of doctors, research-

ers, and public health individuals through the college's annual Postgraduate Fair and monthly seminars and exhibitions.

Fulfil your dreams with MSU

The pursuit of medicine is a marathon, not a sprint. As such, parents and students are invited to visit MUCM and experience for themselves life as a future Manipalite.

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A useful sharing session for students

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The panel also included Shell Malaysia Exploration and Production (SMEP) environment adviser Johny Wong who graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Engineering, and Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication graduate and production assistant with Horizin Digital, Herbert Ho Chong Teck.

In his speech, Curtin Malaysia pro vice-chancellor, president and chief executive Prof Simon Leunig congratulated the students on the completion of their studies under trying circumstances brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. He said those who have studied through the pandemic would have acquired particular skills they can transfer effectively to their workplaces.

"As part of the global Curtin University, we are very proud of our graduates from all over the world, and as you go out to work or continue your studies at Curtin Malaysia, we are sure you are going to have a whole lot of new experiences that your time at Curtin Malaysia will stand you in good stead for," he added.

Also in attendance were Faculty of Humanities and Health Sciences deputy pro vice-chancellor and acting dean Prof Vincent Lee, Faculty of Business dean Prof Andreas Zins, Faculty of Engineering and Science dean Prof Tuong-Thuy Vu, Research and Development deputy dean and Curtin Malaysia Graduate School director Prof Agus Saptoro, and staff of the faculties and graduations and alumni services offices.

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Get a step ahead in real estate

THE most common notion about real estate is that it is about buying and selling houses. However, real estate actually involves a lot more, such as sales and purchase of lands or factories, for example.

On top of that, real estate matters require a breadth and depth of professional knowledge across various areas such as law, taxation, market research, valuation, economics and such.

Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) has developed a specialised three-and-a-half-year Bachelor of Real Estate Management (Hons) through the Faculty of Built Environment (FOBE) offered since 2013, to fill the manpower needs of this industry.

Yeong Meng Hann, who graduated from the programme in 2019, shares how he has benefited from it, "I am currently handling the secondary and rental market. I encountered property owners who wanted to dispose of their property, but did not know the property value.

"I was able to assist them with my valuation knowledge and furnish the selling price based on a competitive market analysis of transacted values.

"Also, when I encountered requests for property search, I was able to analyse, consult and propose properties with great value.

"In TAR UC, I read several law courses such as Principles of Law, Building By-Laws and Property Law.

"When dealing with a potential client, I was able to portray an image that is not only professional and knowledgeable, but also with a good understanding of the laws in the industry. It helped me provide better service and stand out from other negotiators."

The Bachelor of Real Estate Management (Hons) is accredited by the Board of Valuers, Appraisers, Estate Agents and Property Managers Malaysia (BOVAEP). Graduates are qualified to take the Test of Professional



Yeong, an aspiring probationary real estate agent, is grateful for the education he received from TAR UC which has prepared him well for the profession.

Competence (TPC). Upon passing, they are eligible to register with BOVAEP as a registered valuer, registered real estate agent and/or registered property manager and be admitted as a Member of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (MRISM) upon application.

Yeong is keen to go for the test saying, "There are many advantages of being a registered estate agent. It will definitely allow us to gain a certain level of recognition. There are many options once we obtain the title, such as starting our own firm, partnering with an existing firm and handling a branch or working as an individual."

The programme also includes a six-month industrial training or internship.

Yeong said, "During my internship, I joined the valuation team. I was assigned to complete valuation for properties with different usage such as residential, commercial and industrial. I was also fortunate to have been involved in valuation for special properties such as petrol stations and palm oil mills."

He added, "At TAR UC, our lecturers arranged talks on topics related to experience sharing by real estate practitioners, green environment and building technology. It was an eye-opener for me.

"I joined field trips in the UK to cities and villages like Manchester, Liverpool and Hockerton. The Hockerton Housing Project is a very special project where they built an entire village with a mission to encourage low carbon emission living. The residents grow their own crops, treat wastewater to make drinking water and even generate their own electricity using wind turbine and solar panels."

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