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Pursue a quality medical education

MANAGEMENT and Science University (MSU) has become synonymous with quality education that is both transformative and enriching. Making an impact in Malaysia, Asia and the rest of the world, MSU's involvement in the medical education areas is an initiative towards complementing the national and regional health-care system's need for qualified medical personnel.

The Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) is a five-year programme offered through the International Medical School (IMS) at the MSU main campus in Shah Alam and its off-shore campus in Bangalore, India – Malaysia's first medical school to receive a five-year accreditation from the Malaysian Medical Council (MMC).

In addition, MSU's MBBS programme is recognised by Medical Council of India (MCI), Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) and Maldives Medical and Dental Council (MMDC).

The MSU MBBS curriculum is designed in adherence to MMC guidelines and approval.

The MBBS programme presents a continually expanding level of medical experiences. In the early years of study, the basic medical sciences are taught in the context relevant to patient care. Later in the course, clinical teaching builds upon and reinforces this strong scientific foundation.



MSU's International Medical School Bangalore campus students during a clinical teaching session.

MSU has developed a five-year medical course featuring three phases of study through its IMS.

Both Phase I and II are delivered through system-based modules.

Phase III is conducted through discipline-based postings including Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatric, Psychiatry, Primary Care, Orthopaedics, Emergency Medicine and Short Postings.

In comparison to many medical schools in Malaysia, one of the key features of MSU's MBBS programme is the emphasis on clinical communication skills and early clinical contact visit to

medical practices, community care facilities and hospitals. MSU focuses on developing a qualified medical doctor who excels academically who portrays commendable soft skills as well through involvement in various community services.

This is hoped to ensure a long-term continuous effort from MSU towards the nation's objectives in health care and services.

MSU medical students also have the opportunity to complete their clinical year of training at two major referral hospitals in Malaysia – Tengku Ampuan Rahimah Hospital in Klang and Sungai Buloh Hospital, as well as



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other government hospitals in the Klang Valley.

Upon graduating with the MBBS, the new doctors must register with the Public Services Department and complete a two-year housemanship at selected public hospitals under the supervision of the Ministry of Health Malaysia.

With the opening of MSU Medical Centre, MSU has become Malaysia's first university with its own private specialist hospital and in-house clinical placement and job opportunity for its MBBS graduates.

For SPM school-leavers, a fast-track pre-university programme is provided through the Foundation in Science Biology/Health Science. The programme will assist them to develop their language, study skills,

cultural awareness and subject-specific knowledge, ensuring that students are well prepared for continuation in their MBBS programme or Pharmacy or any Health Sciences-related programme.

Intakes for the MBBS programme are in May 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.

■ Want to be a doctor and qualified to sit for the Medical Entry Test (MET) at MSU? Look out for more details on scholarships and fee waiver. Call 03-5521 6868, email enquiry@msu.edu.my or visit www.msu.edu.my

Nurturing eye health professionals

VISION impairment happens when an eye condition affects the visual system and one or more of its visual functions, which may leave a serious impact on the individual's life. This can be mitigated by timely access to quality eye care and rehabilitation, and are within the scope of quality optometric care by suitably trained and qualified optometrists.

The study of optometry opens doors to a healthcare profession where graduates become the first professional personnel who detects and diagnoses visual disorders in an individual.

SEGi University (SEGi) offers one of the most modern and contemporary optometry degrees in Malaysia, and is among the few institutions to offer the optometry programme at both bachelors and masters levels.

Its Bachelor of Optometry (Hons) programme is aimed at providing students the knowledge and expertise in subjects relating to the identification and treatment of dysfunctions and disorders of vision, and the vision system.

To ensure the highest quality of education, SEGi's Bachelor of Optometry (Hons) programme is fully accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) signifying full compliance with standards laid down by the Malaysian Optical Council (MOC). This programme is also listed in the World Council Optometry (WCO) members list of Optometry Schools



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in Asia Pacific.

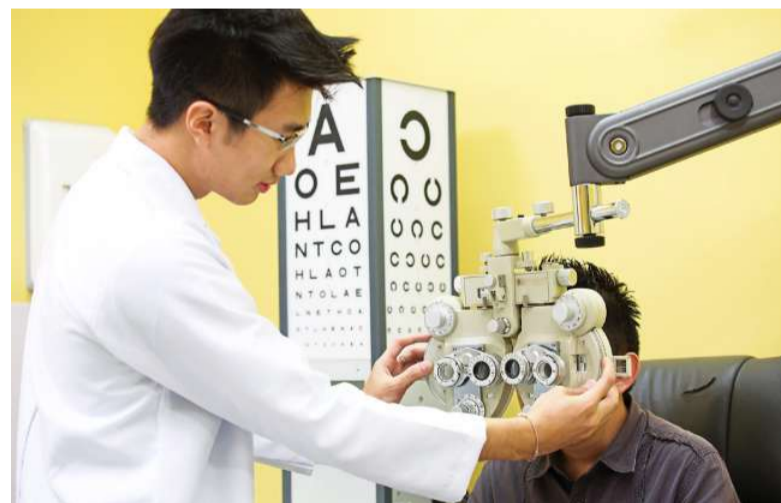
SEGi's curriculum combines a strong emphasis on theory and practice by introducing a wealth of clinical training in the first year of studies. The clinical system under the umbrella of SEGi EyeCare comprises the routine and further optometric care clinics, along with specialty clinics in contact lenses, binocular vision and low vision disciplines, and an optical dispensary for effective learning and teaching.

Together with SEGi's partnership with Rotary Club, this facility allows students to study optometry in a real-world setting and gain practical experience using the latest specialised equipment.

The programme also draws on the expertise of adjunct lecturers comprising biomedical scientists, medical practitioners, ophthalmic surgeons and practising optometrists.

Clinical training of students is carried out both at the internal clinics on campus, as well as at external sites. This allows students to apply the knowledge and skills gained during the programme prior to starting their career.

Feedback from industry partners such as Oasis Eye Specialists and KL Eye Specialist Centre on clinical placements for SEGi's students have been very positive. Students displayed high potential as the programme includes many hands-on



SEGi students are exposed to hands-on experiences during the course.

practical subjects to enhance passion for vision care.

SEGi also boasts its own hospital-based practice at Thomson Hospital Kota Damansara.

Prof Azrin Esmady Ariffin, Faculty of Optometry and Vision Sciences dean and deputy vice chancellor (Student Affairs) at SEGi University, said, "Contemporary optometry has gone well beyond spectacles and contact lenses. This philosophy is well embedded within SEGi's Optometry programme where students are trained in the examination of eye health in generating prescriptions for correcting their patients' vision. With this understanding, many students are deciding to further their studies by undertaking SEGi's Masters of Science in Vision Science by Research upon completion of their first degree in Optometry."

With the Master of Science (Vision Science) by Research programme, SEGi aims to provide students a firm grounding in scholarly research work in clinical vision science that encompasses the subject areas of ocular and visual science through clinical optometry. The programme forms the initial platform for vision-related professionals to advance their knowledge on the scientific foundations of vision science by pursuing supervised research work, in preparation for later pursuit of a doctoral degree by research in clinical optometry or clinical vision science.

■ For further details on SEGi's optometry programme, call 03-6145 1777 or WhatsApp 011-1210 6389 to get in touch with counsellors. Alternatively, log on to www.segi.edu.my for more details.



A conducive learning environment, industry-relevant courses and new learning technologies help Curtin Malaysia students excel.

Preparing for success

CURTIN University Malaysia (Curtin Malaysia), Curtin University's largest international campus and global hub in Asia, is a globally focused, locally engaged institution established 21 years ago. A Sarawak state government-owned entity, it was established to advance knowledge acquisition, socio-economic development and human capital in the state.

However, in the years since, it has attracted thousands of students from all across Malaysia and overseas.

At the same time, it has enjoyed a growing reputation for excellence in practical education and outcome-oriented research, and preparing graduates for success in a rapidly changing world.

Curtin Malaysia's strengths lie in engineering and related sciences, technology, business, media and communications, offering a broad range of programmes in each of the disciplines. It takes pride in its high-quality programmes which gain

strength and currency from its strong industry links and synergy with Curtin's other campuses in Australia, Dubai, Singapore and Mauritius, as well as a prominent international environment with teaching staff from over 15 different countries.

In developing new ideas and promoting lasting knowledge, and continually rejuvenating itself with technology-rich learning spaces and laboratories, Curtin Malaysia is creating an academic environment where outstanding students and scholars from around the world can be inspired to excel in their programmes of study or research.

Its student population of some 4,000 includes over 600 international students from over 50 countries, reflecting its strong commitment to international engagement and becoming a world-class education provider.

This cultural diversity adds a rich

and valuable dimension to its campus atmosphere, preparing all graduates to live and work effectively in an increasingly global environment.

Curtin Malaysia's unique location enables students from Malaysia and overseas to study in an unparalleled environment, and its adaptive and altruistic culture has allowed it to not only survive, but thrive in a changing world.

It aims to teach students a lifelong love of learning that forms the basis of their continuous personal growth.

At the same time, it is committed to preparing students to work and live in an increasingly competitive global environment.

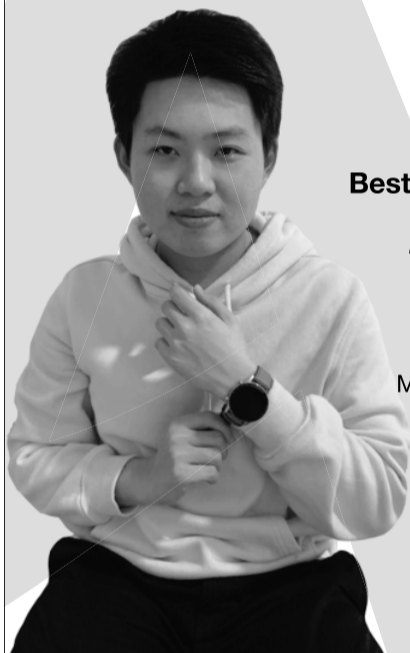
Studying in the country is also much more affordable than in others like Australia due to the lower cost of living and education, which makes it a popular choice for both international and domestic students.

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R/724/6/0003 (MQA/FA10501|08/2021)

■ Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Hons)

- Fully accredited by MQA

N/721/6/0048 (MQA/FA 4147|08/2021)

■ Bachelor of Optometry (Hons)

- Fully accredited by MQA and Malaysian Optical Council (MOC)

- Listed in the World Council of Optometry (WCO)

R2/726/6/0063 (A11255|11/2027)

■ Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons)

- Fully accredited by MQA and Pharmacy Board Malaysia (PBM)

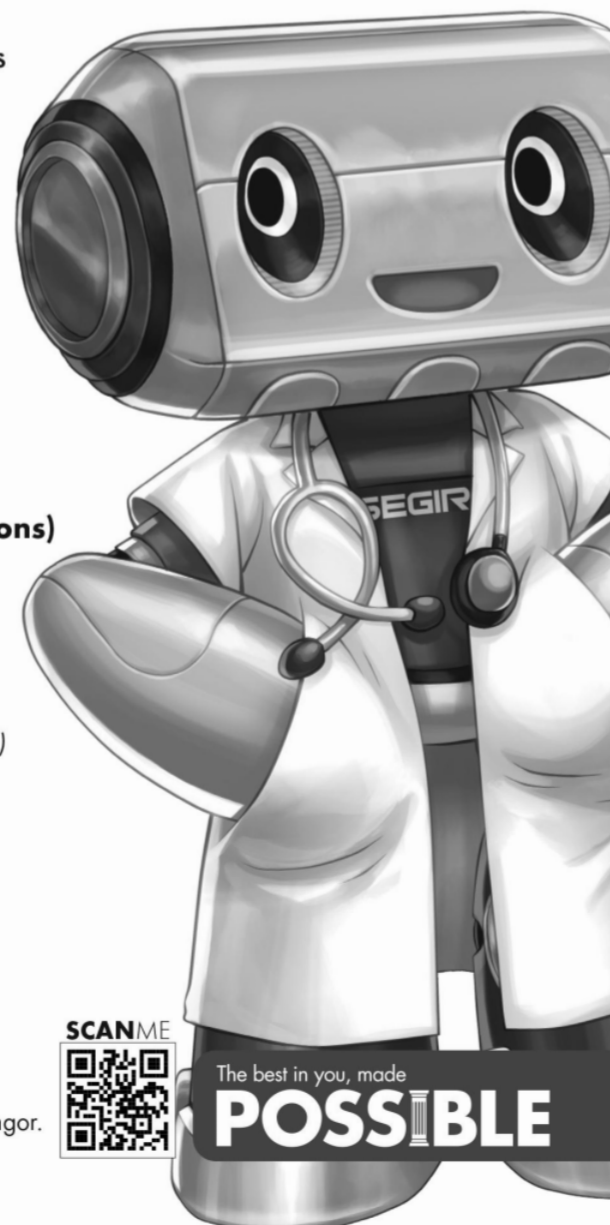
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A pharmacy alum's journey

VANESSA Liew Hui Shan started her scholarly journey at the International Medical University (IMU) by joining its Foundation in Science (FIS) programme back in 2014. Subsequently, she joined the pharmacy programme at the same university and graduated with a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) in 2019.

She then decided to venture into the Provisional Registered Pharmacist (PRP) liberalised R&D Academia track while pursuing her Master by Research postgraduate programme in IMU. Liew shares her IMU journey here.

"Many have asked me why I decided to study IMU's Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) in the first place? To be honest, without a doubt, IMU has the reputation as the most established private medical and health sciences university in Malaysia.

That's the primary reason that I joined the institution at the beginning, and it has been a wonderful life-changing journey. I truly appreciate that the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) programme allows the students to have an excellent integration of both theories (lectures) and practical (hands-on) sessions in every semester so that we can learn, apply and brush up our knowledge and skills as a pharmacist.

Being chosen to be a member of Dr Low May Lee's research team during my final year project has allowed me to explore and gain fruitful experiences. I was so honoured to be given the golden opportunity to visit and to complete my research project at École Normale Supérieure (ENS), Paris, one of the most prestigious higher educational institutions in France.

This research attachment offered me the chance to learn more about bioinorganic chemistry research, to widen my knowledge and to enhance my experimental techniques while working in a conducive research environment. I really enjoyed meeting people from all over the world and experiencing the cultural and educational differences between France and Malaysia.

Some have asked me why do I choose to undergo my PRP training in IMU instead of in a hospital or community pharmacy? My interest towards research has grown so much during my BPharm final year project. Once I graduated and after a discussion with Dr Low, I began my PRP journey with my main preceptor, School of Pharmacy dean Assoc Prof Mohd Zulkefeli Mat Jusoh and my supervisor Dr Low.

With the occurrence of the Covid-19 pandemic and the implementation of the movement control order, I had to delay my compulsory three-month clinical module attachment at Pantai Hospital Kuala Lumpur. After the announcement of the recovery movement control order, I officially started my training in September 2020.



In 2019, Liew graduated with IMU's Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons).

My past one-year PRP training journey was not easy. It was a roller-coaster ride with ups and downs, however, it certainly made me a better pharmacist, researcher and person. I have my fair share of sad and stressful days. Research will involve numerous repetitions to optimise the experimental procedures. It was not an easy task, but I was able to brave through it and made good progress in my project. I am also delighted to be able to publish a review paper in the peer-reviewed journal *Molecules*.

On the whole, studying at IMU has been an enriching journey filled with excitement, discovery, achievements and prospects. I can't believe how much I have grown over the years, both professionally and personally. IMU has shaped me into the person that I am today, allowing me to achieve my dreams and I am always proud to be a part of IMU."

At IMU, students have the options to complete the entire pharmacy programme locally at IMU or credit transfer to the University of Otago, New Zealand or University of Tasmania, Australia.

These international partnerships are a clear testament of the alignment of IMU's innovative education to global standards.

Additionally, students who opt to complete the entire degree in Malaysia also have the opportunity to go overseas for elective placement.

The commencement for the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons) programme is in July and September. If you are inspired to join a diverse career that is involved with the safe and effective use of medicines, make an online application today to study IMU's pharmacy programme.

If you have just completed your SPM and do not have pre-university qualification, consider enrolling in the one-year IMU Foundation in Science, the preferred foundation and direct route for entry into any of the university's degree programmes.

■ For more information, refer to www.imu.edu.my, email start@imu.edu.my or call IMU at 03-2731 7272.

Huge variety of courses available

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Curtin Malaysia offers a huge variety of courses and study options, including double-degrees, part-time study, off-campus learning and alternative pathways.

All courses are identical in all respects, from curriculum and study materials to examinations and degree certificates, to those at Curtin's main campus in Perth.

Since 2018, it has introduced Curtin's Bachelor of Commerce in Management & Human Resources Management, Bachelor of Science in Health, Safety & Environment and Bachelor of Science in Psychological Science, Bachelor of Computing in Cyber Security and Software Engineering, Bachelor of Applied Science in Construction Management, and Bachelor of Communications.

It has also expanded its postgraduate offerings to include a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master of Public Health, and Master of Science in Sustainable

Aquaculture. A new Master of International Business is due to launch in the second half of this year.

The Master of International Business allows students to receive knowledge and expertise to become successful in the field of international business and management.

All engineering programmes at Curtin Malaysia are double-accredited by Engineers Australia and the Engineering Accreditation Council of Malaysia, and for Chemical Engineering, by the Institution of Chemical Engineers in the United Kingdom (IChemE, UK) as well.

Its comprehensive range of business courses are accredited by the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and professional bodies, both nationally and internationally.

At Curtin Malaysia, students are regularly exposed to relevant industries, increasing their employability potential in many ways: internships, practical assignments, guest lecturers and networking events.

Curtin Malaysia is currently embarking on an ambitious new campus development plan that facilitates new technologies and course programmes, increased research and partnerships, and better integration with the main campus in Perth and the other Curtin international campuses.

Its ongoing campus expansion has included the distinctive Curtin Trading Room fashioned after a similar facility at the main campus that provides business students with a real-life trading floor environment.

This is in addition to new innovative learning spaces such as distributed learning rooms, collaborative study rooms and science and engineering and computer laboratories, as well as modern media facilities such as industry-standard video production and radio studios.

■ More information on Curtin Malaysia can be found at curtin.edu.my, or look for Curtin Malaysia on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or LinkedIn.



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UTAR graduates are highly sought-after by employers as reflected by its 95-97% of employability rate within six months after graduation (as at 2019). Photo taken in 2019.



WHEN Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) was founded in 2002, it envisaged to be a premier university aspiring to achieve excellence in the advancement and dissemination of knowledge and expertise, while emphasising the holistic development of its students towards nation building.

Not a university to rest on its laurels, UTAR, despite being a young university, continues on its trajectory of success even after more than a decade by cementing its position as a global university of educational excellence with transformative societal impact.

Teaching and research excellence

Ensuring the quality of education meets the benchmark standard of the industry, UTAR's programmes are widely recognised by local and international professional bodies. These recognitions and accreditations come from leading professional bodies such as the Board of Engineers Malaysia, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB), The Board of Architects Malaysia, The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), Society of Actuaries (SOA) and others.

Another step to ensure the quality of education has been the appointment of prominent faculty members from educational institutions worldwide as external examiners to ensure impartiality in the evaluation of the university's academic standards.

To produce outstanding and competent graduates, UTAR emphasises the holistic development of its students. UTAR students are not only equipped with relevant academic knowledge and technical skills but also soft skills. As a research-focused university believing in the betterment of the society, nation and the world via research and development (R&D) activities, UTAR places great importance on R&D and commercialisation to support the Malaysian government's

Economic Transformation Plan.

Giving back to the community

A university founded with the bedrock principle of "by the people, for the people", UTAR is also a higher learning institution which has the community's interests at heart and thus nurtures students to have a heart for the community. The university's social responsibility projects cover a diverse spectrum of activities, rooted in its core values and reflected in its voluntary services in support of the people and the community.

Besides the local community, UTAR has also collaborated with other government foundations to reach out to more communities from other states and countries. The university also partners with the government, schools and other service providers to improve educational outcomes for children, and create and support long-term change in communities entrenched in disadvantage.

UTAR strongly believes that engagement with the community is essential for long-term sustainability, lifelong learning and value creation for its staff, students and the community itself.

The university currently offers more than 120 programmes from Foundation Studies to Bachelor's, Master's and PhD degrees in the fields of Accounting, Business, Finance and Economics, Actuarial Science, Mathematics and Process Management, Agriculture and Food Science, Arts, Social Sciences and Education, Chinese Studies, Creative Industries, Digital Animation, Multimedia and Design, Engineering, Technology and Built Environment, Information and Communication Technology, Life and Physical Sciences, and Medicine and Health Sciences.

■ For details, visit www.utar.edu.my or call 05-468 8888 (Kampar Campus)/ 03- 9086 0288 (Sungai Long Campus).

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KPT/JPT(R2/42/1/6/0011)09/2022 | MQA/A8230
JUL | SEP
- Diabetes Management and Education (PG Dip)
KPT/JPT(N7/26/7/0030)02/2023 | MQA/PA9086
MAR | JUL
- Dietetics with Nutrition
KPT/JPT(R2/26/6/0021)09/2022 | MQA/A8176
JUL | SEP
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KPT/JPT(R2/54/6/0014)09/2022 | MQA/A8228
JUL | SEP
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KPT/JPT(R7/23/6/0125)04/2027 | MQA/FA8944
SEP
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KPT/JPT(R7/26/6/0011)06/2022 | MQA/FA1298
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SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

- Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry* (MSc)
KPT/JPT(N-DU442/7/0022)02/2026 | MQA/FA1191
MAR | SEP
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KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1082)09/2023 | MQA/PSA11354
KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1090)12/2023 | MQA/PSA11355
KPT/JPT(N/345/7/1085)10/2023 | MQA/PSA11353
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KPT/JPT(R/145/7/0066)09/2025 | MQA/SWA05162
KPT/JPT(R/145/7/0064)09/2025 | MQA/PSA163
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MAR
- Health Informatics and Analytics (PG Cert / PG Dip / Master)
KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0131)09/2025 | MQA/PSA13973
KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0130)09/2025 | MQA/PSA13972
KPT/JPT(N/720/7/0129)09/2025 | MQA/PSA13974
SEP
- Molecular Medicine* (MSc)
KPT/JPT(R/545/7/0078)07/2022 | MQA/FA1299
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- Pharmacy Practice (Master)
KPT/JPT(R/27/7/0051)03/2024 | MQA/SWA02796
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KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0077)09/2025 | A10261
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KPT/JPT(R2/720/7/0049)06/2026 | A10618
KPT/JPT(R2/721/8/0043)01/2027 | A3767
Throughout the year

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- Medicine
KPT/JPT(R2/72/1/6/0033)09/2026 | MQA/FA6155
FEB | AUG
- Psychology
KPT/JPT(R2/31/1/6/0013)09/2022 | MQA/A8177
FEB | SEP
- Counselling (Master)
KPT/JPT(N/762/7/0046)09/2026 | MQA/FA12002
SEP

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

- Dentistry
KPT/JPT(R2/72/4/6/0010)01/2023 | MQA/FA7026
FEB
- Endodontics (PG Dip)
KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0043)05/2024 | MQA/PSA12162
APR
- Implant Dentistry (PG Dip)
KPT/JPT(R7/24/7/0019)06/2026 | MQA/SWA6111
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- Prosthodontics (PG Dip)
KPT/JPT(N/724/7/0042)05/2024 | MQA/PSA12163
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SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

- Pharmaceutical Chemistry
KPT/JPT(R2/44/2/6/0003)01/2023 | MQA/A8229
FEB | JUL | SEP
- Pharmacy
KPT/JPT(R2/72/7/6/0050)09/2026 | MQA/FA8374
JUL | SEP

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- Acupuncture (MSc)
KPT/JPT(N/721/7/0071)03/2022 | MQA/PA8570
SEP
- Chinese Medicine
KPT/JPT(R2/72/1/6/0059)01/2027 | MQA/A10260
FEB | SEP
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Learning beyond education

AT Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC), learning is not academic per se – it provides ample opportunities for students to learn outside of their classroom and textbooks in line with its philosophy in learning “Beyond Education”.

This is clearly demonstrated by the Faculty of Accountancy, Finance and Business where students actively participate in specially curated industry programmes/societies.

First and foremost, the TAR UC – BDO Student Ambassador Programme connects accounting, finance and business students and facilitates interaction with industry professionals at BDO Malaysia, a leading professional services firm.

The programme was established in 2017 to encourage active student participation in organising important events and activities.

“The benefits have not only enhanced students’ understanding in the fields of taxation, audit, business services and other relevant areas but also exposed them to current trends and practices in the industry. Students are also able to network with industry professionals and many have shared that the interactions have helped them decide on their future career paths,” explained Cheng Pei Ni, TAR UC – BDO Student Ambassador Programme 2019/2020 president. She is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) in TAR UC.

“We have gained so much experience and exposure in working with the BDO Malaysia team. Apart from providing the necessary financial resources to organise the many events and activities, the team at BDO Malaysia is also



A workshop organised under the TAR UC - BDO Malaysia Student Ambassador Programme in 2020.

actively involved in mentoring and coaching us. I especially appreciate the empowerment from BDO Malaysia to organise events and activities that are aligned to the objectives of this programme. This has exposed me to the different ways others think and how to tap into each other’s strengths to achieve our common goal,” explained Cheng.

TAR UC ACCA Society, meanwhile, is an academic-related student society, which aims to add value to accounting students’ learning and development for a successful career. Established since 2015, its scope includes engaging with accounting professionals in the industry as well as with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

“Annually, the society organises various activities and workshops with active participation from industry leaders especially the

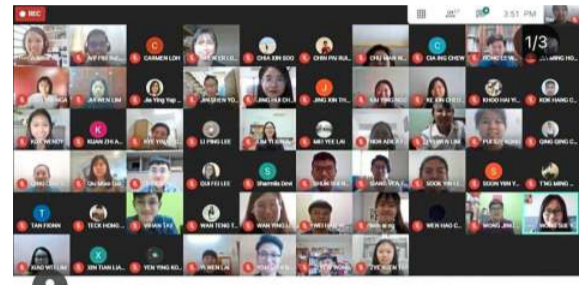
Big 4 and ACCA Malaysia. We also constantly encourage members to join external competitions to help them widen their scope of knowledge and exposure. In 2020, we organised quite a number of relevant online workshops on CV Writing, Career Advice, Personal Branding and Leadership as well as Public Speaking in addition to accounting and business-related webinars.

The learning experience has truly enriched my skills in managing time, people and tasks. I am also gaining more confidence in interacting with industry professionals after the many pitching sessions as part the planned activities of the society,” shared Low Kuan Chen, TAR UC ACCA Society chief executive director, who is currently studying the Bachelor of Commerce (Hons) at TAR UC.

“I have learnt to be creative in managing challenges to get things



- Foundation of Virtual Facilitation Workshop -



- CV Writing & Interview Workshop -

Some of the relevant workshops organised by TAR UC ACCA Society in 2020.

done, acquired valuable experience in working with a diverse team and industry professionals and more importantly, learnt how to help fellow students facing challenges as chief executive director of TAR UC ACCA society,” added Low.

■ To find out how TAR UC accounting, finance and business programmes can prepare you for your future career, contact the Faculty of Accountancy, Finance and Business (FAFB) at 011-1054 8256 or email fabf@tarc.edu.my Alternatively, visit the Virtual

Open Day happening every weekend from March 27- April 25, 10am -5pm. Or, log on to www.tarc.edu.my for more information. The May and June intakes are now in progress.

Prospective students are also encouraged to apply online at www.tarc.edu.my. Applicants who submit their applications online by April 30 will receive a RM60 waiver of processing fee.

Attractive scholarships are also available at TAR UC on the basis of academic merit and sibling discount for qualified students.



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Creating future doctors and dentists

IT is often said that the study of medicine and dentistry requires strong academic foundation. As linguistically challenging fields of study where Latin terminology peppers students' vocabulary, the journey to becoming a doctor or dentist is indeed not an easy one.

In 2020, Manipal University College Malaysia (MUCM), formerly known as Melaka-Manipal Medical College, made the bold decision to honour high-calibre future doctors and dentists in their pursuit of their MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery) or BDS (Bachelor of Dental Surgery) by introducing the MMMC Scholarship Awards.

A total value of RM1.5mil in tuition fee scholarships awaits Malaysian citizens wishing to pursue their MBBS or BDS with the college.

"It is a recognition of a student's achievements, academic and non-academic prior to the start of their degree," said Prof Dr Jaspal Singh, MUCM vice-chancellor.

Twenty-seven MBBS and BDS in-coming students were awarded with scholarships ranging from RM10,000 to RM172,500.

For Joanne Francis Xavier of Penang, winning the BDS College Scholar award is a blessing towards financing her degree and obtaining the education necessary

“MUCM scholars are expected to be the best of the best for their intake. With that, comes the expectations that they will continue to shine in their journey as an undergraduate student and beyond in their careers as doctors and dentists.”

Prof Dr Jaspal Singh

to improve the lives of the people that she will work on as a dentist in the future.

She said, "MUCM is consistently recognised for its excellence in education and I will get to know how the real dentistry world works and gain first-hand experience through interaction with the patients and staff."

The selection process for these scholars with a specially convened

panel was gruelling.

While academic prowess was merely an eligibility criterion in this process, these scholars had to demonstrate that they are indeed all-rounders in their academics and co-curricular activities. They also impressed the panel with their skills as eloquent communicators and lateral thinkers.

MBBS College Scholar Tharmaraj Vallaiathalingam who hails from Seremban said, "This provides me greater incentive to excel in my medical studies at MUCM. It has also made me realise and appreciate the value of education more."

Tharmaraj, who is also a student from the Foundation in Science programme, added, "The scholarship, for me, is not the end but just the beginning. Receiving the scholarship is not just receiving money for me; it tells me I have potential to deliver much for the future of our society."

Tharmaraj's sentiments of the future echo the ambitions of the MUCM Scholarship.

"MUCM scholars are expected to be the best of the best for their intake. With that, comes the expectations that they will continue to shine in their journey as an undergraduate student and beyond in their careers as doctors and dentists," said Prof Dr Jaspal.

For P'ng Xiu Hui of Selangor,



'Phantom head' provides the simulation needed for effective learning in the field of dentistry, especially during the pre-clinical phase in the first two years.



Prof Dr Tin Tun from the Biochemistry Department during an experiment briefing.

claiming the coveted College Scholar award strengthens her goals and dreams of one day becoming an outstanding surgeon.

"I hope to be exemplary in all that I do and contribute to the community and society in the future," she said.

The MUCM Degree Scholarship is available yearly for MBBS and BDS programmes. The scholarship application closes three months prior to intake commencement.

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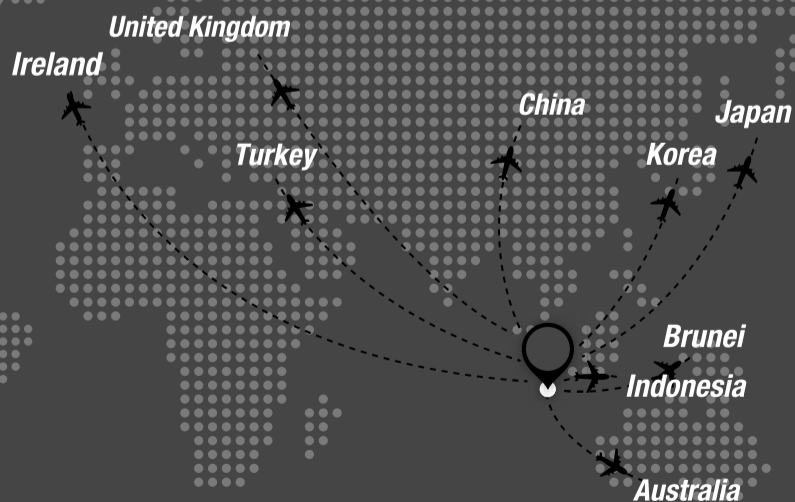
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