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EDUCATION GUIDE Flexible pathways for UK education

STUDENTS and parents seeking a high-quality education in the UK may be interested to know that the University of Reading Malaysia (UoRM), the international branch campus of the University of Reading, offers a range of flexible pathways and study options in the United Kingdom.

The University of Reading (UK), with its rich 125-year history, is renowned for its high-quality teaching, research, and graduate employability. It is ranked among the top 200 universities globally in the OS World University Rankings (2025).

Often referred to as the Silicon Valley of the UK, Reading boasts a convenient location just a 30-minute train ride from London.

UoRM opened its doors in 2013 as the only international branch campus of the University of Reading. It offers students the best of both worlds – the opportunity to study the same UK degrée here in Malaysia.

Furthermore, students at the Malaysia campus have the option to spend part of their studies at its award-winning Reading UK campus, through its flexible mobility and transfer programme.

Located in EduCity, Iskandar Puteri in Johor, Asia's first multicampus education city, UoRM offers a number of signature degree programmes in the

- following disciplines: > Accounting
 - > Finance
- > Management and business > Law
- > Psychology
- > Quantity surveying
- > Real Estate



The programmes at UoRM are identical to those on the UK campus, following the same curriculum and academic quality standards.

Furthermore, UoRM's state-ofthe-art campus and digital learning suite provide students with excellent learning facilities and support.

Students can begin their studies at UoRM in Malaysia and benefit from the flexible mobility and transfer option, which enables them to complete their education at the university's UK campus in Reading.

The main campus in the UK is situated on 130ha of beautiful parkland and has won the Green Flag award 13 consecutive times, making it one of the UK's finest green spaces.

The campus offers everything a student could need, including

sports facilities, dining options, a supermarket, and on-campus accommodation.

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

The university is a short bus ride away from Reading town centre which has ample shops, restaurants and amenities.

Parents have the flexibility to choose when they feel most comfortable sending their children to the UK.

Alternatively, students can complete their entire degree in Malaysia, which is a more affordable option, as they will pay only 40% of the total estimated costs compared to studying on the UK campus, including university fees and living expenses. Additionally, students at UoRM may be eligible for a merit-based High Achiever's Scholarship, which offers up to 30% off their programme fees. Students with A-level, STPM,

UEC or equivalent qualifications can apply for direct entry to their undergraduate degree at UoRM.

Those with SPM or IGCSE qualifications can enrol on the 12-month International Foundation Programme (IFP) at UoRM and upon successful progression, commence their undergraduate studies either in Malaysia at UoRM or the UK campus.

Either way, students and parents have the reassurance and peace of mind that they have flexible options for pursuing a high-quality UK education.

Open Day The university is accepting The University of Reading's international branch campus in Malaysia.

applications for its March (Foundation only), May (Undergraduate only), July and September 2025 intakes.

Students and parents are advised to contact the university's team for a consultation or to register for its Campus Open Day on March 8, from 10am-4pm.

Contact the varsity's team at 07-268 6205, WhatsApp *https:// wa.me/60167725400*, or email my.enquiry@reading.edu.my and visit them at EduCity in Iskandar Puteri, Johor (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, Saturday 10am-4pm).

For more details, log on to www.reading.edu.my or follow them on *https://www.facebook*. com/uniofreadingmalaysia and https://www.instagram.com/ uniofreadingmalaysia/

Nurturing future frontliners

MSU College offers the Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology to those who are interested in scientific discoveries and medical research in order to nurture future healthcare frontliners, notably as medical laboratory technologists.

It is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the healthcare field worldwide and students who choose this path can find a variety of career opportunities in numerous industries such as hospitals, clinics, public health laboratories, pharmaceutical or chemical industries, biotechnology companies, veterinary clinics, research laboratories, transplant and blood donor centres and fertility clinics.

They play a crucial role in the healthcare system, even though they work behind the scenes. Though we can't see them on the front lines, they have made

enormous contributions to the fight against numerous diseases, often without recognition.

At MSU College, the programme is designed to provide students with a wellbalanced ecosystem that includes academic knowledge and handson experience to build the right and skilled workforce to fulfil the ever-increasing need for medical lab technologists and technicians in the healthcare industry.

Students learn how to explore and diagnose the various components of illness and disease prevention.

As part of this programme, students will also learn how to handle advanced lab equipment and execute precise medical laboratory tests.

Students will be exposed to a holistic learning experience, to build soft skills and all the necessary skills that are required for a professional medical

lab technologist. The curriculum combines

the knowledge of integrated education, health and education science labs.

The three-year programme aims to produce medical laboratory technologists who are competent, skilful and capable of meeting the human capital needs of the country.

Graduates of this programme can also pursue a variety of medical careers.

The impact of technological advancements has resulted in a more extensive range of career opportunities for those interested in pursuing this programme.

Upon completion of the diploma, students may pursue a bachelor's degree programme at Management and Science University (MSU) through the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences (FHLS) or International Medical School (IMS).



MSU College equips students with essential soft and technical skills for successful medical laboratory technology careers.

Another opportunity for students is the progression to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme offered through IMS.

MSU College is also MSU APEL Centre for potential candidates to take the APEL Aptitude Test as the non-conventional pre-qualification for entry into higher studies, in which MSU currently offers APEL A and APEL C at T-3 (certificate), T-4 (diploma), T-6 (bachelor's degree), and T-7 (master's degree) levels.

■ For more information, call the college's team at 03-5521 6868, e-mail enquiry@msucollege.my or visit www.msucollege.edu.my

Journey of discovery in nutrition

LUQMAN Fitri Feizal Mahathir's journey at IMU University has been nothing short of transformative – a time of remarkable academic and personal growth.

He joined the premiere private healthcare university directly after completing his A-Levels and chose to pursue a degree in nutrition, drawn to the interdisciplinary approach and the holistic education the institution is known for in each field of study.

The idea of learning in an environment where theory is consistently paired with practice, especially in a local context, was incredibly appealing to him.

IMU University stood out because of its excellent reputation in healthcare education, its commitment to practical learning, and its strong network of professionals.

The university's focus on creating opportunities for hands-on experience, such as internships and collaborative projects, made it the ideal environment for him to grow as both a student and a future nutritionist.

One of the highlights of Luqman's student journey was the practical exposure he gained through various internships, including his time at the National Sports Institute (ISN).

These internships were invaluable, providing him with first-hand experience in realworld settings.



Luqman (left) at the SEAMEO International Conference on Food and Nutrition.

They gave him the opportunity to apply his theoretical knowledge in a practical environment, which he believes is crucial in healthcare education.

At ISN, it was incredibly rewarding for Luqman to witness the development of a menu plan tailored to an athlete's nutritional goals, helping them achieve their target weight just in time for the Olympics.

A particularly memorable moment was his visit to the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Centre for Food and Nutrition (SEAMEO RECFON) in Indonesia, which was fully sponsored by IMU University mobility funds.

Apart from having an amazing experience in delving into the food and nutrition of another country firsthand, this opportunity allowed him to explore international perspectives on education and healthcare, broadening his horizons in ways he never expected.

During his time at IMU University, Luqman was recognised for his hard work and dedication, including ranking among the top three in poster presentations at the Nutrition Society of Malaysia Conference 2024. These accolades were a great motivation for him and fuelled his desire to continue striving for excellence.

Looking ahead, Luqman plans to specialise in the field of sports nutrition. His experiences at IMU University, coupled with the opportunities he had to intern and engage with professionals at ISN, have inspired him to continue expanding his expertise and making a meaningful impact in



performance nutrition whether in competitive sports or wellness and fitness.

At IMU University, the nutrition programme is designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to meet the growing demand for nutritionists across various sectors, including government agencies, industries, universities, research institutions, mass media, and businesses focused on food, nutrition, wellness, fitness, and health.

The programme's innovative curriculum provides early exposure to real-world work environments, offering hands-on opportunities through clinical and community projects that enhance practical skills.

Students can also benefit from mobility programmes, gaining

Luqman (back row, second from left) at the Nutrition Society of Malaysia Conference 2024.

valuable experience in diverse clinical and community settings, and improving their work readiness upon graduation.

Additionally, they have the flexibility to complete the entire nutrition programme locally at IMU University or transfer credits to Deakin University, Australia. This international partnership underscores the university's commitment to delivering innovative, globally aligned education of the highest standards.

The commencement of this programme is in July and September of each year. To enrol, submit an application online.

■ For further details, visit *www.imu.edu.my*, e-mail start@ imu.edu.my, or call IMU University at 03-2731 7272.





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MSU wins Gold at Putra Aria Brand Awards



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IMU University enters a new chapter where we go beyond medical and health sciences into the realms of business, technology and social sciences to shape tomorrow's global leaders. Unlock your potential with us today.

Step into the future fuelled by our One Health vision

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School of Alternative and **Complementary Medicine**

Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chinese Medicine KPT/JPT(R2/721/6/0059)01/2027 MQA/A10260 FEB.APR.JUL.SEP Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Chiropractic KPT/JPT(R/726/6/0054)08/2026 MQA/A9294

School of Business and Technology Bachelor of Business Administration with

Healthcare Management (Honours) KPT/JPT(N/0414/6/0180)01/2029 MQA/PSA17191 FEB.APR.JUL.SEP Bachelor in Digital Health (Hons)

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School of Dentistry

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Bachelor of Applied Sciences (Hons) in Medical Biotechnology KPT/JPT(R2/545/6/0014)09/2027 MQA/A8228 JUL.SEP

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School of Psychology and Social Sciences **Bachelor** of

Communication with Health NEW (Honours) KPT/JPT(N/0323/6/0056)07/2029 MQA/PSA17573 FEB. APR. JUL. SEP

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MANAGEMENT and Science University (MSU) earned its first Gold award at the Putra Aria Brand Awards 2024 in the Education and Learning category.

The award was received by MSU senior vice-president of endowment and communication Datuk Rosli Yusof.

With this award, the university has been recognised for the third consecutive year after clinching the Bronze and Silver awards in the same category in 2022 and 2023 respectively. This recognition emphasises MSU's commitment to building a higher education brand that is trusted and valued, both in Malaysia and abroad.

It also solidifies the university's commitment to delivering quality education through various modes of learning, encompassing blended learning, flexible learning, micro-credentials, Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL.A and APEL.C), short courses, and technical and vocational education and training (TVET), across faculties and schools.

Through these diverse learning pathways, MSU aims to produce holistic, balanced and well-rounded graduates in tandem with the university's tagline -"Transforming Lives, Enriching Future".

This achievement serves as a benchmark for the university's progress across six key indicators: industry and employability, entrepreneurship, internationalisation, research, sustainability programmes and community engagement, and flexible education and lifelong learning.

The Putra Aria Brand Awards was established in 2022 by the Association of Accredited Advertising Agents Malaysia (4As) to efficiently and inclusively serve the creative industry by highlighting

branding efforts across all segments.

Winners are selected through research involving 20,000 respondents with over 65,000 responses in Malaysia to determine the country's favourite brands in various categories.

MŠU is a Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and Times Higher Education (THE) global multi-ranked institution focused on building holistic human capital.

Envisioning a better, more sustainable future for all, MSU champions equality by providing a level playing field across extensive efforts to transform lives and enrich the future through compelling learning experiences.

The university is currently listed among the top universities in the world by QS, including being ranked 580th in the QS World University Rankings 2025, placing in the QS Top 100 for the world's best young universities and QS Top 301+ for Graduate Employability Rankings, and being ranked 129th by QS for Asia's best universities and 28th for South-East Asia's best universities.

MSU's dedication to academic excellence and its achievements on the global stage is demonstrated by its impressive rating in the Top 1,000 worldwide – or in the band 801-1,000 – in its THE World University Rankings debut this year.

This accomplishment reflects the university's sustainable development goals (SDG) ranking, placing in the World 301-400 in THE World Impact Rankings 2024.

MSU was also awarded the Engaged and Sustainable University of the Year 2024, People's Choice Award 2023 and Global Green University of the Year 2023 from the Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities.





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