



Doctor of Philosophy in Management

Duration

Full Time: Min 3 years
Part time: Min 4 years

Programme Code

(R2/0414/8/0021) 11/30 (MQA/FA10029)

Intake

Open Year-Round (Full Year) – Flexible enrolment allows candidates to start their research at any time in line with MQA and KPT standards.

Faculty/Centre

Centre for Research and Graduate Studies

Career Prospects

- University Lecturer or Academic Leader
- Industry Research Consultant or Policy Analyst
- Corporate Strategist or Project Leader
- Government or NGO Research Specialist
- Entrepreneur in research-driven innovation



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The Doctor of Philosophy in Management programme equips graduates to become transformative leaders who shape the future of management. The programme primarily focuses on theories and methodologies related to research and practice, comprehensive study, processes as well as the best practices in business management. Students of this programme will develop business acuity and at the same time, enhance their overall management capabilities.

Entry Requirements

Master's Degree (Level 7, MQF) in related fields

- A Master's Degree (Level 7, MQF) in related fields as accepted by the University Senate; OR

Master's Degree (Level 7, MQF) in non-related fields

- With relevant working experience: A Master's Degree (Level 7, MQF) in non-related fields as accepted by the University Senate, subject to a rigorous internal assessment; OR
- Without relevant working experience: A Master's Degree (Level 7, MQF) in non-related fields as accepted by the University Senate, subject to passing pre-requisite courses; OR

Other qualifications equivalent to a Master's Degree (Level 7, MQF) recognised by the Malaysian government

Admission Criteria through APEL.A

- At least 35 years old in the year of application
- Holds at least a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent qualifications (or higher qualifications such as a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma)
- Have at least five (5) years of relevant working experience after completing the Bachelor's Degree
- Pass the APEL.A assessment at the Doctorate level (Level 8, MQF)

English Competency Requirement (International Student)

- Achieve a minimum of Band 4 in MUET; OR equivalent to CEFR (Mid B2); OR
- IELTS: 6.0; OR
- TOEFL iBT: 60; OR
- Pearson English Test (PTE): 59; OR
- Cambridge English Qualifications and Tests: 169

Note:

For Doctoral Degree by Research as stated in the Standards: Master's and Doctoral Degree:

- There shall be no direct entry from Bachelor's degree level to Doctoral Degree level
- Candidates with Bachelor's Degree who are registered for Master's Degree by Research programmes may apply to convert their candidacy to the Doctoral Degree programmes within ONE (1) year after Master's Degree registration, subjected to:
 - a. having shown competency and capability in conducting research at Doctoral Degree level;
 - b. rigorous internal evaluation by the University; and
 - c. approval by the University Senate

Programme Structure

Year 1

Semester 1

- Advanced Research Methodology

Semester 2

- Thesis Topic Selection
- Thesis Colloquium 1

Year 2

Semester 1

- Thesis Proposal Defence

Semester 2

- Data Collection & Analysis

Year 3

Semester 1

- Thesis Write-up

Semester 2

- Thesis Colloquium 2

Supervision and Thesis Requirements

- Each candidate is assigned a primary supervisor and, if necessary, a co-supervisor
- Candidates must submit a thesis demonstrating original research, analytical rigor, and practical application
- A viva voce examination is required to defend the thesis

Research Mode

- Conventional Mode: On-campus supervision with regular meetings

Why Choose the PhD in Management?

- Industry-Focused Research: Conduct research related to real-world business challenges without leaving your workplace
- Joint Supervision: Receive guidance from experts in both academia and industry
- Mutual Benefit: Organisations gain access to innovative and valuable knowledge generated by candidates during their studies

