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FOREWORD

Prof. Datin Dr. Morlinah Mohamed Ibrahim Deputy Dean (Postgraduate Studies)

The Faculty of Medicine, UKM offers a wide range of postgraduate training opportunities including doctoral and Master degree programmes, four-year structured postgraduate clinical specialist training programmes and clinical fellowship training programmes in various medical specialties. We pride ourselves in giving the best to our students through high quality academic programmes, optimal infrastructure support cutting-edge research and technologies nurture their postgraduate academic journey. The postgraduate secretariat facilitates all academic matters for each of the postgraduate students from initial enrolment until graduation. We constantly strive to improve the quality of services and ensure that the students have the best experience possible.





PROGRAMMES / ACTIVITIES



New postgraduate students enroll twice a year for both clinical Masters training programs (June and December) and research and mixed mode programs (April and October). As the postgraduate secretariat, it is our task to conduct briefing on every aspect of students' academic journey and life on campus. This year, we organized three online briefings to the new students. We invited panelists which included lecturers and academic officers to share crucial information related to course registration, university regulations and guidelines, and to provide an overview regarding health and library services.















Robing Ceremony for Doctor of Philosophy Graduates 2022

The Robing Ceremony for Doctor of Philosophy graduates for the year 2022 was successfully conducted on the 25th November 2022 at the HCTM Auditorium. The ceremony included graduates from the Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Dentistry, and Medical Molecular Biology Institute (UMBI).

The ceremony is a tradition that the faculty has continued to uphold in order to celebrate the success of students in completing their PhD journey, and to appreciate the hard work of their supervisors. In addition, PhD graduates who Graduated on Time (GOT), and who fulfilled 'Excellent Thesis' criteria, and their respective supervisors were awarded with a prize and certificate.

In total, there were 30 PhD graduates from the Faculty of Medicine, 14 from the Faculty of Health Sciences, four from UMBI, and three from the Faculty of Pharmacy, and one from the Faculty of Dentistry.

This year, we gave out the prize to students who successfully graduated on time as well as to recipients for 'Excellent Thesis'.





Workshop With Postgraduate Program Coordinators

Covid-19 has not only affected the lives of many people but also dramatically changed the academic landscape worldwide. To deal with the aftermath, we took the initiative to call for a meeting among program coordinators in Bayview Penang Hotel on the 3rd and 4th December 2022.

Discussions were centred around quality and accreditation, supervision of postgraduate students, strategies to increase the number of international postgraduate students, efficiency of visa processing, and integration of work life balance.







Visit from Shiga University of Medical Science (SUMS), Japan

SUMS has signed an MoU with UKM in 2018. Again, these two varsities embarked on a new opportunity to create a dual doctoral degree program. The visit took place at Bilik Sukmaria on the 11th August 2022.





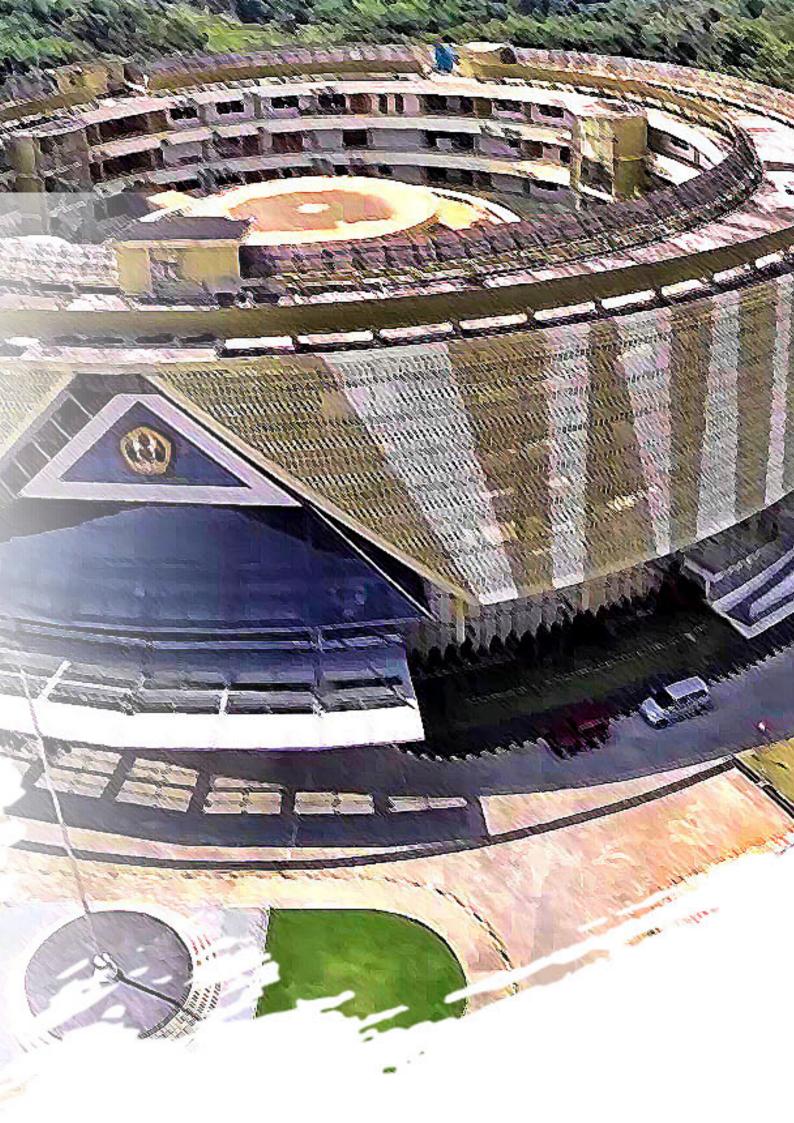




Visit from Universitas Padjadjaran (UNPAD), Indonesia

On 27 September 2022, UNPAD paid a visit to the Faculty of Medicine UKM to discuss the possible collaboration in postgraduate training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology through the Masters in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (Dr ObsGyn, UKM) UKM-UNPAD. Delegates from UNPAD and UKM convened and discussed several issues regarding the new program.





DATA & STATISTICS

Throughout the year, we have amassed a number of postgraduate students in our faculty. These students have different educational backgrounds and which include those from different nationalities all over the world. This is in line with our vision, to be a leading centre for postgraduate studies in medicine and related fields through world-class and competitive postgraduate programs, hence enabling our graduates to thrive academically and professionally.

Clinical students	1261
Non- clinical students	164
PhD Students	235
International students	55

ACHIEVEMENTS/ SUCCESS

*For PhD students

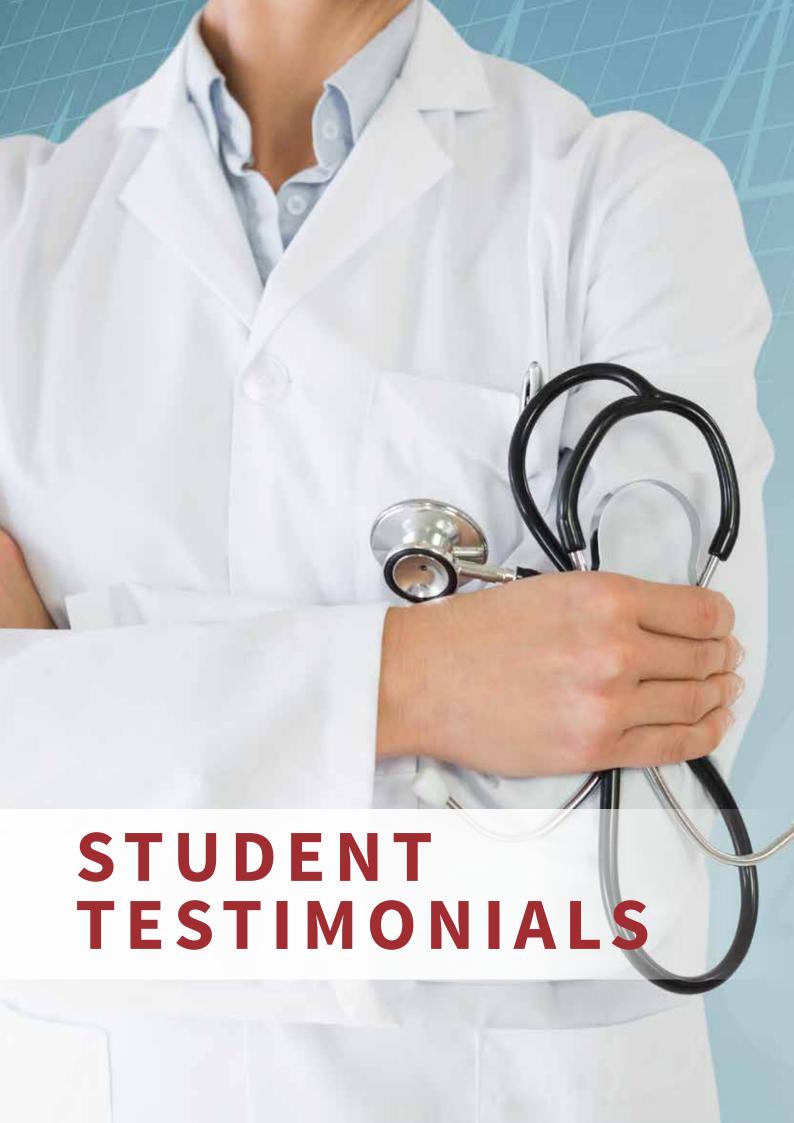
Graduate on Time	10
Excellent Thesis	2

POSTGRADUATES ACCREDITATION PROGRAMMES 2022 FACULTY OF MEDICINE UKM

A university's reputation is based on the quality of its education and research. Quality assurance processes help us to improve our reputation by demonstrating our commitment to academic excellence and continuous improvement.

Quality assurance helps to maintain and enhance the academic standards of the university by establishing clear criteria and benchmarks for evaluating teaching, research, and service activities. This helps us ensure that students receive a high-quality education that meets national and international standards.

	Programmes	Pre- Audit (Day 1)	Interview Session (Day 2)
1	Master of Community Health Science (Epidemiology & Medical Statistics)	25/01/2022	02/03/2022
2	Master of Community Health Science (Hospital Management and Health Economics)	25/01/2022	28/03/2022
3	Master of Community Health Science (Family Health)	25/01/2022	02/03/2022
4	Master of Community Health Science (Occupational Health)	25/01/2022	28/03/2022
5	Master of Community Health Science (Environmental Health)	25/01/2022	02/03/2022
6	Master of Community Health Science (Health Promotion)	25/01/2022	28/03/2022
7	Master of Medical Science (Otorhinolaryngology)	27/04/2022	13/06/2022
8	Doctor of Otorhinolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery	25/07/2022	23/08/2022
9	Doctor of Orthopaedics & Traumatology	16/06/2022	09/08/2022
10	Doctor of Internal Medicine	15/06/2022	27/07/2022
11	Doctor of Family Medicine	06/10/2022	01/12/2022
12	Doctor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology	25/07/2022	23/08/2022
13	Doctor of Radiology	13/06/2022	29/08 <mark>/2</mark> 022
14	Doctor of Pathology (Anatomic Pathology)	10/06/2022	26/07/2022



DR. IAN VICTOR

Doctor of Internal Medicine, 2022

As I walked into the main lobby of Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz (HCTM) in September of 2020, memories of my past visits during the first-year introductory course came flashing in. In the midst of the worst pandemic to hit mankind in the 21st century, HCTM played its role in managing patients and giving the best care possible to them. I am honoured and blessed to have been given the opportunity to work with some of the greatest minds in the healthcare fraternity. My first rotation was in the respiratory unit where I was introduced to Assoc. Prof. Dr. Andrea Ban, an expert in her field yet humble enough to enjoy a meal with us. Here is also where I met my mentor and supervisor Assoc. Prof. Dr. Faisal, a visionary and forerunner in interventional Respiratory medicine. It was with him that I was taught and guided on how proper research was carried out and was given the opportunity to work on a novel research, an interventional study that we had recently published.



I was once again delighted to work with the brilliant HCTM neurology team. A wonderful unit which is the epitome of excellence. It was a pleasure working alongside passionate and devoted teachers and mentors. Prof. Dr. Tan, the head of unit is a source of inspiration with her nuturing ways toward everybody. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nafisah, Prof. Datin Dr. Norlinah and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rabani, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Law were instrumental in guiding me and imparting their knowledge to the betterment of the MMED students. Not to forget the other distinguished neurologists, Asyraf, Dr. Khoo, and Dr. Steve.

In summary, my experience in the Medical Department of HCTM and

being part of the Clinical Masters in Internal Medicine family is a life changing experience and the knowledge I have gained have made me a better person and a better physician. I would recommend considering HCTMas a place to train as it builds character and gives a wholistic approach toward practising medicine.

DR. ABDULLAH ALIFF ABDUL WAHAB

Doctor of Public Health, 2022

From the start, I always knew that I carried many hopes and dreams on my shoulders. The journey was full of race and rush, tears and fears. I felt so nervous about designing the entire project while simultaneously being fully accountable for completing the thesis within a stipulated deadline. While I had plenty of ideas,

bringing them all together and incorporating them into research that I was passionate about was really like a dead end. As ambitious and determined as I am, I have established more than ten initial research objectives (A list of proud objectives but a tearful never-ending analysis and discussion). Luckily, I have a pragmatic, experienced supervisor who can foresee the path ahead of my journey. I have been blessed with an endless flow of knowledge and guidance. Throughout the first semester, I had already defended my proposal, got an ethics clearance, and spent most of my end-of-semester holiday collecting

data for the first step of my study (a total of nine steps and three phases). By the end of my first junior DrPH year, I had already submitted my thesis-related article to one of the international journals.

- Do not compare. Run at your own pace
- Anticipating the unexpected
- Father vs Scholar life!
- Starting up a cold engine
- Creativity in writing comes with passion









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