



The Putra Sarjana learning support programme helps graduate students develop into successful professionals.

Developing graduate skills

UNIVERSITI Putra Malaysia is the first university in Malaysia to provide an official support programme that has facilitated learning and enhanced postgraduate studies since 2009.

The Putra Sarjana learning support programme is designed to help graduate students in Universiti Putra Malaysia develop a range of necessary skills such as communication and leadership skills as well as creating awareness of social and community activities that they can apply in their research activities, academic life and future careers.

Besides seminars and workshops that target specific research skills, Putra Sarjana also encompasses skills training in the cognitive, affective, psychomotor and social domains.

The Putra Sarjana programme is expected to produce quality graduates who are knowledgeable not just in academic activities and equipped with enhanced soft skills.

They will be developed to hone their abilities to lead, communicate, think critically and problem-solve.

The School of Graduate Studies is committed to enhancing students' learning experience and providing a competitive edge when seeking employment.

The support provided in writing research proposals and manuscript writing is coupled with motivational talks, aimed to boost the standard of research and innovation achievements to an international level and facilitating the journey to a successful education.

The Putra Sarjana programme will be conducted in four clusters: academic development, professional development, ethics and moral, as well as community services and the support that is provided by the Centre for the Advancement of Language (CALC).

- **Cluster 1: Academic development**
– Academic writing, publication, proposal writing, effective presentation, abstract preparation for seminars or conferences, software application, poster preparation and exhibit preparation
- **Cluster 2: Professional development**
– Honesty in knowledge and plagiarism
- **Cluster 3: Ethics and moral**
– Leadership skills, teamwork, communication skills, public speaking skills, spiritual enhancement and

cultural awareness

- **Cluster 4: Community service** – Charity, philanthropy and community work

These clusters are meant to address a number of research attributes that all candidates should possess:

- **Academic literacy** – Relates to a strong general knowledge core and an understanding of the values and assumptions underlying all knowledge presented in the form of academic writing.
- **Research literacy** – Relates to the basic skills required to research a topic, including knowing where and how to acquire research data as well as how to analyse, interpret and synthesise data.
- **Digital literacy** – Relates to the usage of the Internet as a means of studying, data acquisition and keeping up-to-date with hardware and software innovations.
- **Global citizenship** – Relates to the larger social impact of research and the pioneering role that research activities and results play in the community.
- **Critical and personal self-awareness** – Relates to self-knowing in terms of considering one's own assumptions, motives, prejudices and biases when obtaining or disseminating knowledge.

The Putra Sarjana programme will help students develop the emotional intelligence and sense of professional ethics necessary for personal, academic and career success.

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The Putra Sarjana learning support programme often organises seminars and workshops for students.