HEWLETT-Packard (HP) and AMD have joined hands in offering the HP and AMD Scholarship 2008 Programme. About RM75,000, inclusive of cash and three HP Pavilion tx2520au entertainment notebook PCs powered by AMD, are up for grabs by eligible undergraduate and Masters students pursuing their studies locally.

Aimed at making a contribution to the development of human capital in Malaysia, the awards are open to all Malaysian citizens aged 30 and below. The closing date for application is Sept 30.

Three lucky candidates will be selected.

Those who are interested in applying should log on to www.hp.com.my/scholarship. Just complete the submission form and answer a question creatively, in less than 150 words.

“This is the first time HP is working with AMD in such a meaningful programme. "HP has always been committed to contributing to the education sector and this is one of several programmes we have in the pipeline," said HP country general manager (Personal Systems Group) Danny Lee.

The scholarship is bond-free. "There are many talented individuals out there seeking higher education to strengthen their knowledge base and enhance skill sets," said AMD Malaysia's country manager Kevin Ho.

"We are proud to work with HP to provide the opportunity for students seeking to reach greater heights but lacking the means to do so. "Hopefully, this programme will alleviate their financial burdens and produce leaders in the respective fields," he added.

To promote the scholarship programme, HP will be holding roadshows at various universities and colleges, including INTI College Subang Jaya and Universiti Putra Malaysia (Sept 3), HELP University College (Sept 10), and SEGi University College, Kota Damansara campus (Sept 17).

For more information, visit www.hp.com.my/scholarship.