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The world is emerging into the utilization of biomass as resources for bioproducts, as we shift into sustainable development and lifestyle. As the technology grow, molecular biology, biofuel, biomedicine, and a lot of other scientific jargons have become even more familiar to the public. Bio-based product demand has shown an increasing trend as more biotechnology company grow nationwide, covering sectors such as industrial, agriculture, pharmaceutical, as well as food products. In 2020 alone, global biotechnology market was valued at USD753.48 billion (that is MYR3.15 trillion) with CAGR of 15.5%!

In the light of this event, UPM has taken another important step to assist motivated graduates to become a bioentrepreneur, by offering the first bioentrepreneurship Master's degree coursework-based programme in Malaysia. The degree, namely Master of Science Biotechnology with Bioentrepreneurship, under the Faculty of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences, is inviting you to be the first intake starting July 2022.

By enrolling in this 40 credits programme, you will be exposed to skills and strategies for identifying science-based solutions in response to need. In-depth discussion with experienced researchers

BIOENTREPRENEURS TO LEAD THE FUTURE BUSINESSES

and entrepreneurs will help you broaden your potential as innovators. The result is graduates with scientific excellence and business acumen to stand out in today's competitive biotechnology sector.

According to Dean Faculty of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences, Prof. Dr. Shuhaimi Mustafa (pic), the programme caters to working adults with classes conducted after office hours (6.30-9.30pm) and weekends. The three- trimesters (1 year) programme consist of core courses including a dissertation, as well as elective courses. This integrated curriculum combining management and life sciences expertise will prepare you for a future in the biotechnology industry and bio-based enterprise.

To enrol in this programme, you must have a bachelor's degree in disciplines related to the programme, with a minimum CGPA of 2.75, or its equivalent. However, candidate with lower CGPA with working experience can be accepted. Since the programme will be taught in English, international applicants are required to obtain a minimum score of 550 in TOEFL or band 6.0 in IELTS, or Band 4 for MUET, or equivalent to the Common European Framework of References (CEFR).

For further information, please contact the Office of Deputy Dean (Research and Postgraduate Studies), Faculty of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences UPM (www.biotech.upm.edu.my)/+603-97691308/4536/7591/7592 or email omlai@upm.edu.my (Prof. Dr. Lai Oi Ming). For information on admission, please contact the School of Graduate Studies, UPM (www.sgs.upm.edu.my)/+603-97694218/4223/4165/4169/4225

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UPM Education and Training Sdn. Bhd. (UPMET) in collaboration with Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) offers a full-time undergraduate program known as the Alternative Channel (T20) to provide opportunities to candidates who do not get a place for admission through the UPU application. The UPM Alternative Channel (T20) program is a program that has no subsidy and is targeted for family income exceeding RM8,000.00/month.

There are four undergraduate programme offered under the Faculty of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences (FBSB) offered under this scheme, namely, Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology with Honours, Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry with Honours, Bachelor of Science in Microbiology with Honours, and Bachelor of Science in Cell and Molecular Biology with Honours.

The faculty has reserved a special quota for the Alternative Channel (T20) for September intake admission every year. For further information, please contact the Office of Deputy Dean (Academic and Student Affairs), Faculty of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences UPM (www.biotech.upm.edu.my)/+603-97691048/7535 or email biotech_tda@upm.edu.my (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhajir Hamid) alternatively please visit <http://www.upmet.upm.edu.my/>.



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