

Welcome to the Briefing of Master of Philosophy (Mphil) & Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Semester 1, Session 2026/2027

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Di Sini Bermulanya Pintar, Tanah Tumpahnya Berani*



**UNIVERSITI
MALAYA**

UNIVERSITI MALAYA CAMPUS MAP



ACADEMIC PROGRAM (Research Mode)

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- The goal of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme is to produce scholars who can lead the development and dissemination of knowledge as leader in research and teaching as well as services for the society.

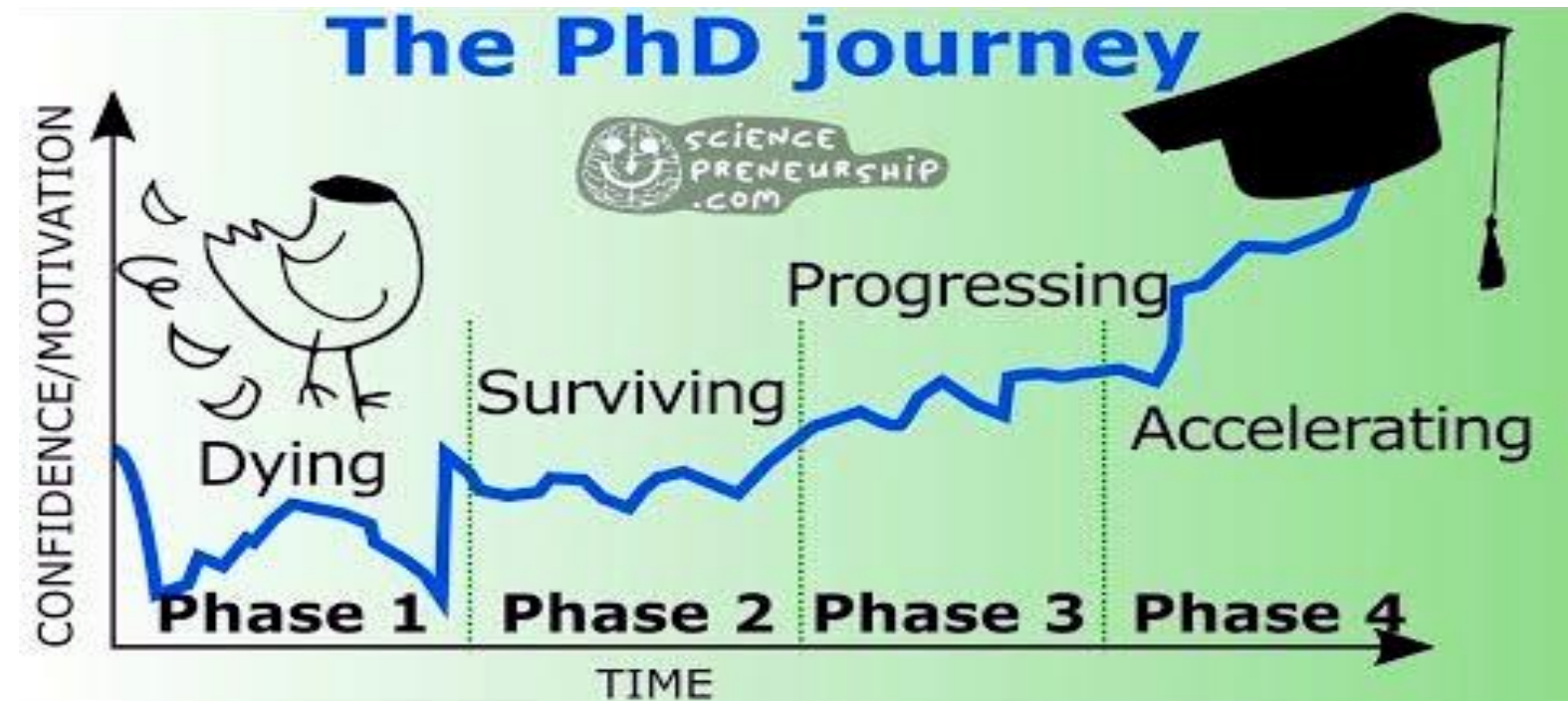
Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

- The goal of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) is to produce highly educated and skilled graduates in their own research fields, as well as engaging in scientific activities to generate new knowledge and application that fulfill the needs of an informed society.



The PhD Journey

A journey of a
thousand
miles must
begin with a
single step



It's a battle
and a journey,
hell you're at
war!



GENERAL INFORMATION

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD)

- The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) is the highest degree awarded by the University.
- It requires the conduct of an original research project, writing and defense of a thesis.



Duration of Study:

Minimum: 4 Semesters
Maximum: 12 Semesters

Graduate on Time (GOT):

7 Semesters or 42
Months



Pass **seminars**:

1. Proposal defence
2. Confirmation defence*
3. Candidature defence

Pass **HVX8001** Advanced
Research Methodology

** Applicable for fast-track candidates*



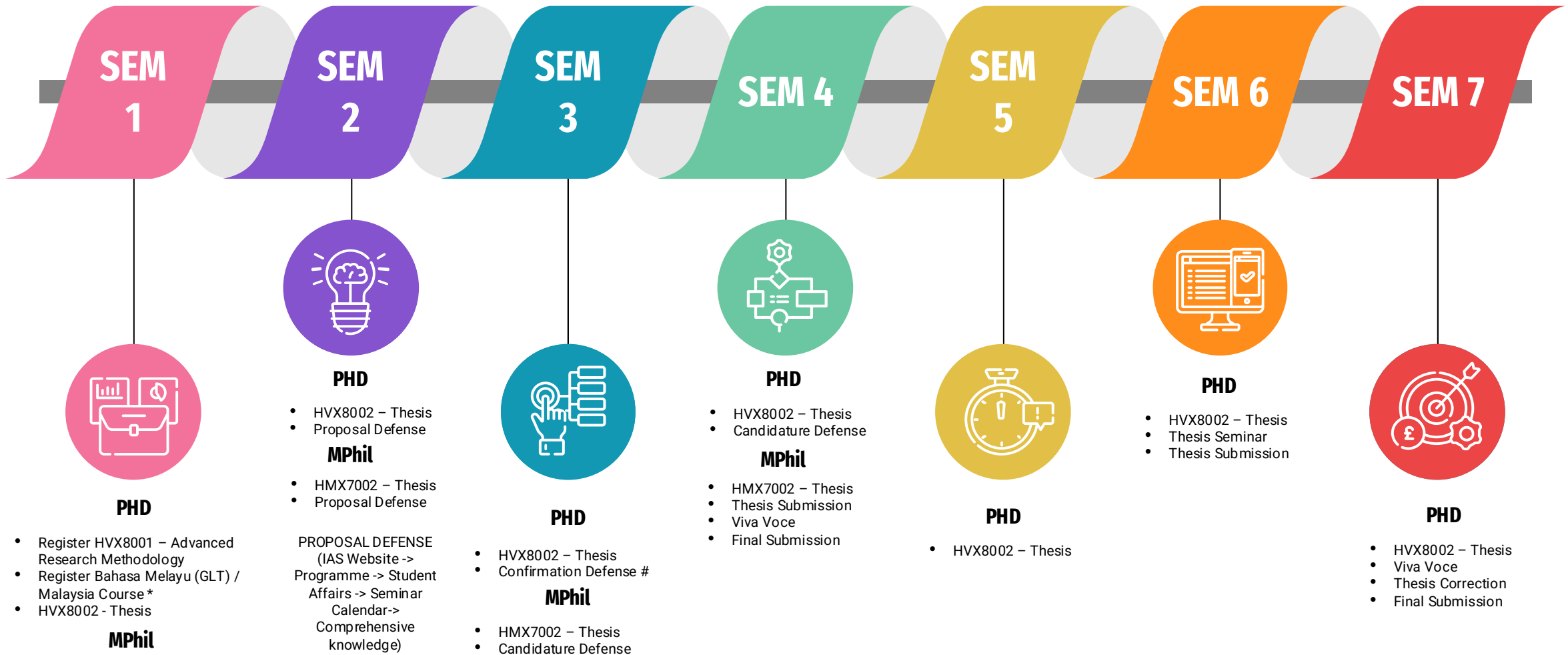
Proof of **Acceptance of Publication**:

Science: Two (2) articles in the
journal indexed by the WoS
Non-Science: One (1) article in the
journal indexed by the WoS **OR**
One (1) article in the journal
indexed by Scopus Q1/Q2 **OR** Two
(2) articles in the journal indexed
by Scopus/ESCI/ERA Journal List



Pass **Viva Voce**

PROGRAMME STURUCTURE

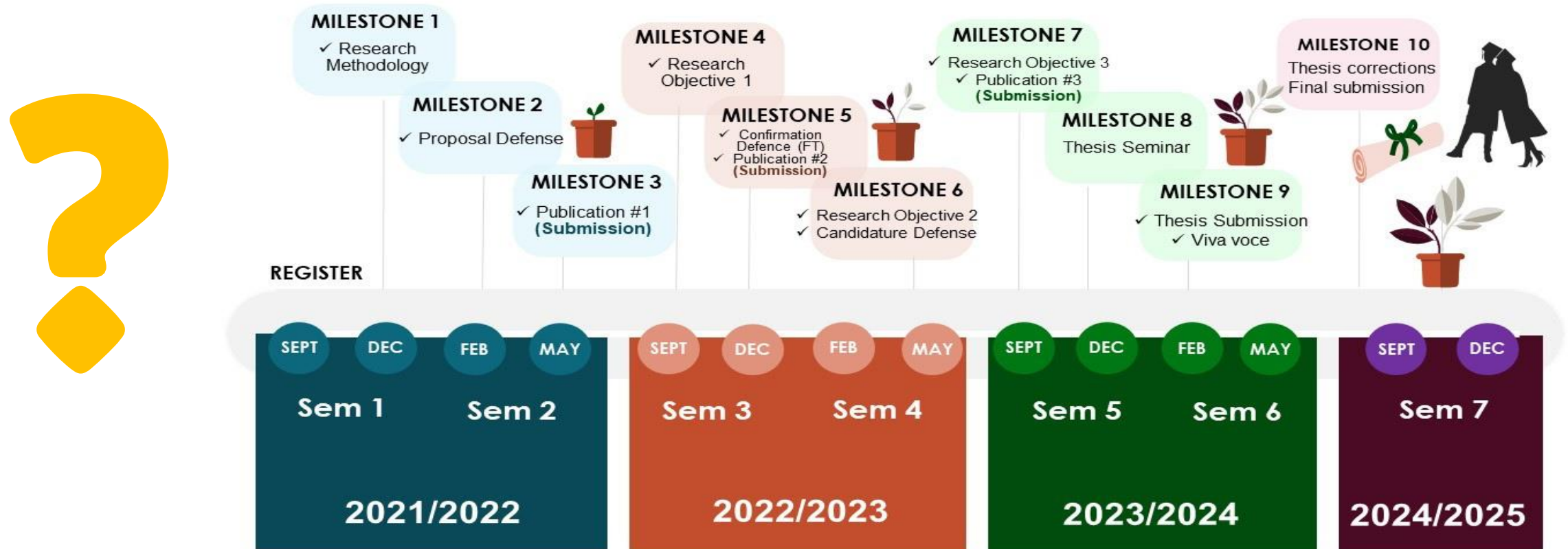


*Applicable for International Candidate Only
Applicable for Fast-Track Candidate Only

HOW TO **WIN** THE BATTLE?

GRADUATE ON TIME (GOT)

Doctoral Candidates





GENERAL INFORMATION

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (MPhil)



Duration of Study:

Minimum: 2 Semesters
Maximum: 8 Semesters

Graduate on Time (GOT):

4 Semesters or 24
Months



Pass **seminars**:

1. Proposal defence
2. Candidature defence

Pass **HMX7001**

Research Methodology



Proof of Acceptance of Publication:

Science: One (1) article in the
journal indexed by the WoS
Non-Science: One (1) article in the
journal indexed by the WoS OR
One (1) article in the journal
indexed by Scopus/ESCI/ERA
Journal List



Pass **Viva Voce**

GRADUATE ON TIME (GOT)

Master Candidates



MPhil to PhD CONVERSION

Candidacy Status Conversion

Candidates for a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) programme by full-time research may be considered for the conversion of their candidacy status to a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programme by full-time research subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The application period for change of candidacy status is **between twelve (12) months** from the date of commencement of registration of the MPhil program of study;
- (b) Submit a **written application** to the Supervisor using the form as in Appendix 1;
- (c) Submit **one (1) research report** not exceeding 6,000 words on:
 - (i) Introduction and scope of research;
 - (ii) Research objectives;
 - (iii) Research methods;
 - (iv) Research plans to lead to the PhD programmes stage.
- (d) Submit research results during the study period of the MPhil programme, namely:
 - (i) **one journal paper accepted for publication** and one seminar presentation at the university, national or international level; OR

MPhil to PhD CONVERSION

- ii) **a patent application that is pending or has been approved** and a seminar presentation at the university, national or international level;
- (2) A candidate must present his research results in one (1) seminar in front of a panel of evaluators consisting of two (2) experts from within or outside the University in related fields as determined by PTj.
- (3) The period of nomination for the MPhil programme is taken into account in the period of study of the PhD programme by research.
- (4) A candidate who is approved for a change of candidacy status is required to register for a PhD programme by research not later than the second lecture week of the following semester.
- (5) A full-time candidate who is approved for a change of candidacy status do not need to take the Advanced Research Methodology course at the PhD programme level.
- (6) A full-time candidate who is approved for a change of candidacy status shall meet the requirements of the graduation requirements including the publication requirements for the PhD programme by research.

**COMPREHENSIVE
KNOWLEDGE**



APPLICATION FOR PROPOSAL / CONFIRMATION / CANDIDATURE /

*All applications must be submitted before the stipulated date**

**Applications that not complete or received after the stipulated date will not be process and need to apply again next month
The seminar calendar is available at IAS Website*

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CANDIDATE / SUPERVISOR

1. The **candidate** submits the application and all related document via google form at IAS Website based on seminar date.
2. The **supervisor** nominates two assessors (postdoc or RO is not allowed) with complete details via google form at IAS Website based on seminar date.

**(IAS Website (ias.um.edu.my) → Student Affairs → Seminar Calendar → Seminar Calendar 2026)*

**The required document submission, PD CD report format, and supervision confirmation form can be found here.*

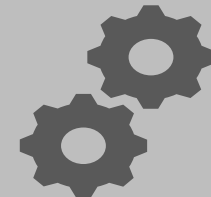
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DEPUTY DEAN OFFICE

1. The DD's Office will sent and invitation email to the panel members one week before the online presentation.
2. Three days before the seminar session, the chairperson, panel members, supervisor, and student will receive the Microsoft Teams link for the session.

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SEMINAR & RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Seminar will be conducted online using Microsoft Team platform.
2. The DD's Office will send the presentation results to the candidate and supervisor within one week after the seminar presentation.

**Please note that the results will only be released after the evaluation forms have been duly completed and signed by the Chairperson and panel members.*

APPLICATION FOR THESIS SEMINAR PRESENTATION (PHD CANDIDATE)

THESIS SEMINAR CONFIRMATION

DEPUTY DEAN OFFICE

1. The Deputy Dean office will send a confirmation letter of thesis seminar to the candidate and supervisor



OPTION 1

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

1. The candidate has presented (orally) research findings at local/international conference.
2. The candidate must have passed the Candidature Defense (CD) before the conference presentation.
3. The conference must be in the same year as the application, and the conference presentation must after the candidature defense (CD)
4. The candidate provide proof of conference presentation (certificate of presentation/ appreciation, etc.) to ias_seminar@um.edu.my



OPTION 2

THESIS SEMINAR PRESENTATION

1. Supervisor nominates a Chairperson (senior lecturer and above) and ONE assessor (postdoc or RO is NOT allowed)
2. Supervisor(s) will arrange candidate's thesis seminar with the panel members at their convenient time.
3. Supervisor(s) sent the thesis seminar evaluation form to ias_seminar@um.edu.my

ACADEMIC POLICIES



[Universiti Malaysia \(Master's Degree\) Regulations 2024](#)



[Universiti Malaysia \(Doctoral Degree\) Regulations 2024](#)

PLAGIARISM

The University views plagiarism as a serious offence. Hence, in an effort to ensure the **quality and originality of research and publication**, students are expected to adhere to the rules and guideline in the Handbook on how to avoid plagiarism. The University encourages all written work to be screened for plagiarism using the Turnitin software. Depending on the extent of plagiarism, students found guilty of this academic misconduct will be subjected to disciplinary action which ranges from a warning to expulsion from the University. **All UM students have a Turnitin account through the UM Library account.**

The plagiarism policy is clearly stated in the UMGSB Research Project Handbook. Plagiarism is a serious academic offence that is defined as being liars, insecure, dishonest and disrespectful in research practice. Plagiarism occurs when the idea of another person is taken without reference to its source.

To avoid plagiarism, Final Report submitted by the student for the purposes of examination **shall NOT exceed 30%** of the total similarity index as provided by Turnitin. The supervisor should verify and endorse the Turnitin report to be submitted together with the Final Report for examination.

In case plagiarism is detected in a Research Project sent for examination to the assessor, Special Committee will be setup to investigate and hearings will be conducted to decide on the disciplinary action to be taken against the student. Disciplinary action could range from minimum (repeat the Research Project with a new topic) to maximum (termination of the student from the PhD / Master's degree). Should second offence is detected, the student will be terminated automatically from the PhD / Master's degree programme.

WORD LENGTH

The Institute for Advanced Studies's Board meeting on 14th September 2023, approved the word length for a submission for examination, as shown in the table below:

PhD Thesis	Master by Research	Master by Mix Mode	Master by Coursework
Minimum : No			
Maximum : 100,000	Maximum : 60,000	Maximum : 40,000	Maximum : 30,000

*The word length of words excludes footnotes, reference, appendices, table, figures and prefaces.

*The minimum word length requirement is subject to the supervisor's discretion.



Supervision Policy of Postgraduate Candidates

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IAS Website

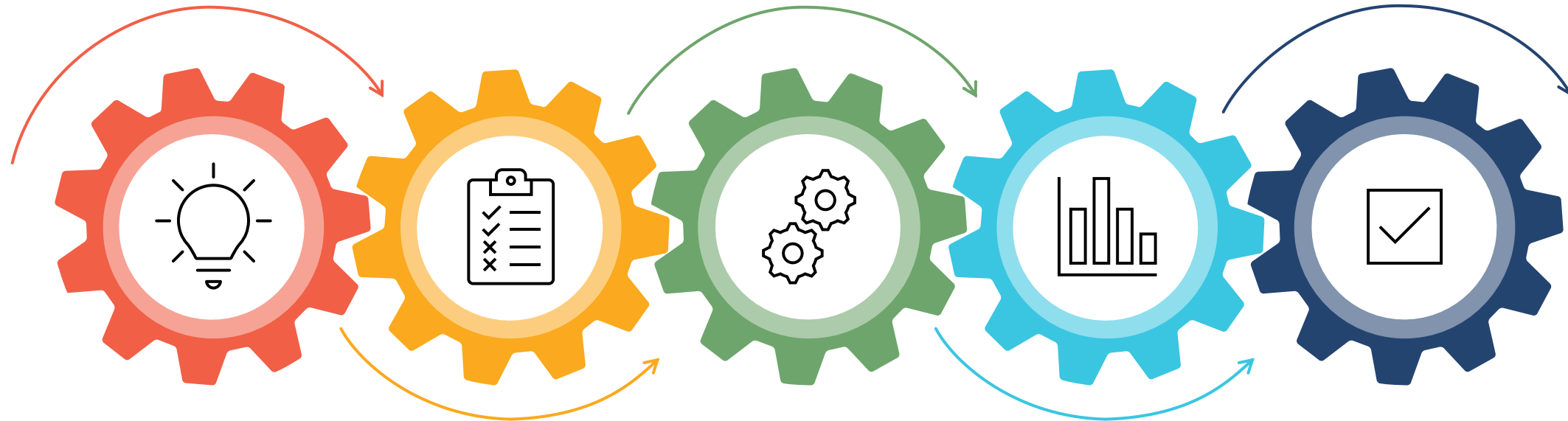
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Application of Appointment /
Change for Supervisor /
Consultant

SIGNATURE

Must sign the Supervisor-
Supervisee Undertaking of
Responsibilities Form



CHOOSE

Programme -> Student Affairs
-> Form

EMAIL

Submit through email to :
ias.um@um.edu.my
(ADMIN IAS)

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

TIMEFRAME

Work effectively toward completion of the degree in a timely manner

ACADEMICS

Complete the program with all requirements fulfilled

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

INTEGRITY & ETHICS

Highest integrity and maintain ethical standards in all aspects of the student's work

FAMILIARIZE WITH UM'S RULES & REGULATIONS

Academic Culture & Respect for Diversity in Malaysia

Scholarship in Harmony: Academic Conduct in Multicultural Malaysia

CORE VALUES OF MALAYSIAN ACADEMIA



Excellence Through Character

Academic success must be accompanied by integrity, courtesy, and proper professional conduct.



The Multicultural Fabric

Academic spaces are shaped by Malay, Chinese, Indian, and diverse Bumiputera perspectives.



Foundation of Respect

Pursuit of knowledge is guided by cultural sensitivity and respect for faculty and peers.



PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATIONS FOR MPHIL CANDIDATES

Formal Communication Standards

Use respectful and formal language in all emails and official university correspondence.



Intellectual Maturity

Exercise extreme sensitivity when discussing topics related to race, religion, or politics.



Professional Boundaries

Respect the time and academic responsibilities of supervisors and colleagues.





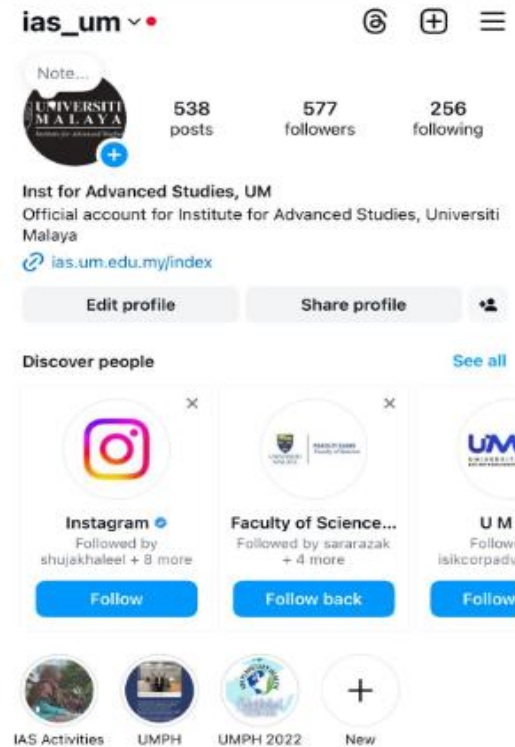
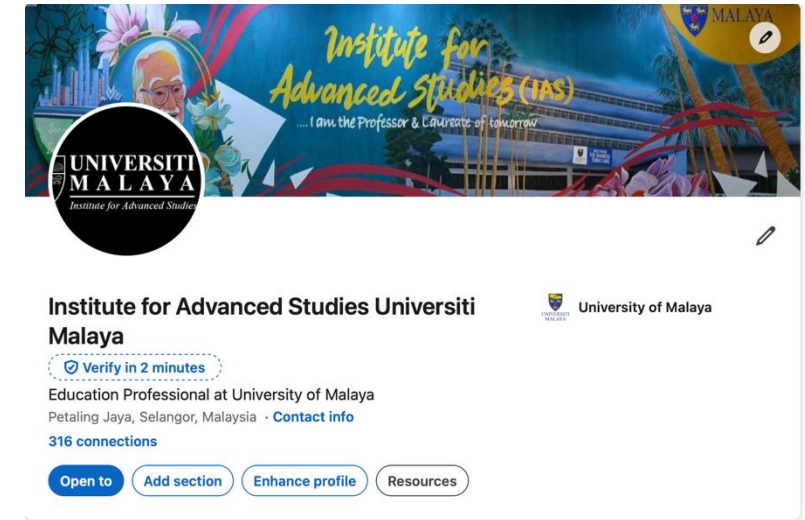
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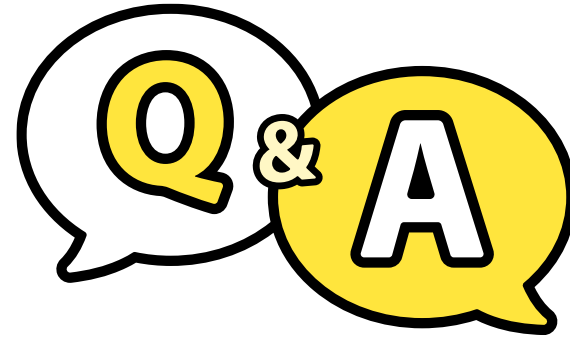


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you!



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