



PhD Programme @ Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), Universiti Malaysia

The PhD programme is designed as an intensive, research-driven degree that emphasises original contribution to knowledge. Candidates are required to conduct independent research under academic supervision, leading to the submission of a doctoral thesis for examination. Graduation is contingent upon the successful defence of the thesis in a viva voce and the fulfilment of the University's publication requirements.

Students are strongly encouraged to pursue research in the fields of Social Sciences, Humanities, Economics, and Business. Projects that adopt multidisciplinary and comparative perspectives—particularly those engaging with issues across countries or regions within Asia and Europe—are especially welcomed.



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Entry Requirements

Applicant should hold a recognised:

- Master's Degree (Research); **or**
- Master's Degree (Clinical); **or**
- Master's Degree (Coursework/Mixed-Mode) with minimum CGPA of 3.00; **or**
- Master's Degree (Coursework/Mixed Mode) with CGPA between 2.50 – 2.99 can be considered if meet at least one (1) of the following criteria:
 - at least one (1) year working experience in a related field; or
 - publication in a related field; or
 - a scholarship holder; or
 - Universiti Malaya graduate; or
 - a Government servant; or
 - pass an interview conducted by the Faculty; or
 - pass a special assessment by the Faculty;
- or
- Bachelor's Degree for Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Access (APELA) qualification

Fast Track (Accelerated / Direct Admission)

The direct admission / Fast Track (accelerated admission) provides the opportunity for Bachelor's Degree graduates with the academic qualifications and who have high potential to pursue their studies in the Doctoral programme by research without having a Master's qualification in the field concerned.

Applicants who attained the following qualification may be admitted to the Doctoral programme by research:

- Bachelor's Degree with a minimum CGPA of not less than 3.70 (out of 4.00) or equivalent; and
- Passed the interview and presentation of the proposed research.

Note: The CGPA values stated above are based on a 4.0 grading scale.

English Language Requirement

A non-citizen with a degree from a non-English medium institution who wishes to pursue a programme or write a dissertation in English must meet the University's English language requirement as outlined below.

MUET	IELTS (Academic)	TOEFL		PTE (Academic)	Cambridge English Qualifications & Tests	
		IBT (Centre based)	Essential Online		B1 Preliminary, B2 First, C1 Advanced, C2 Proficiency	Occupational English Test (OET) (Conventional/ Online)
B4.0	6.0	60	8.5	59	169	250

Duration of Study

Full-Time Mode

- Minimum: 4 semesters
- Maximum: 12 semesters

Part-Time Mode

- Minimum: 6 semesters
- Maximum: 16 semesters

Supervision

Candidates are encouraged to be supervised by two (2) established and experienced academics in their respective fields of study. At least one supervisor must be a regular academic staff member at the Asia-Europe Institute. Prospective applicants may refer to umexpert.um.edu.my or aei.um.edu.my to identify potential supervisors.

All applicants must contact and obtain confirmation of supervision from the identified academics prior to submitting their application.

Research Proposal

Applicants to the doctoral programme by research are required to submit a research proposal or a statement of research intent outlining the study they intend to pursue. The document should include the following components:

- Field of Research
- Topic of Research
- Statement of the Problem (with relevant literature)
- Research Objectives
- Research Methodology
- Significance of the Research
- References (if applicable)

The proposal should be concise yet informative, typically between 1,000 to 1,500 words. All proposals will be screened for plagiarism using Turnitin, and must meet a similarity index of 15% or below.

HOW TO APPLY

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Financial Aid: aasd.um.edu.my/financial-aid-for-postgraduate

APPLICATION



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