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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 out of 4.00; ***or***
- Master's Degree (Coursework/Mixed Mode) with CGPA between 2.50 – 2.99 out of 4.00 can be considered if meet at least one (1) of the following criteria:
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  - Status as a scholarship holder;
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  - Passing an interview conducted by the Faculty;
  - Passing a special assessment by the Faculty;

  or
- Bachelor's Degree for Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning for Access (APEL.A) qualification

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An applicant who is not a Malaysian citizen and holds a degree from an institution where the language of instruction was not English, but who wishes to pursue a program and write a thesis in English, must meet the minimum score requirement in one of the following recognized standard language proficiency tests:

MUET	IELTS (Academic)	TOEFL		PTE (Academic)	Cambridge English Qualifications & Tests	
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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
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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.

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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.

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