BRIEF GUIDE TO GETTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
Are you worried about your financial situation?

Do you find yourself struggling to pay the rent each month?

Are your studies affected because you are not able to keep up with tuition fees and other costs?

FRET NO MORE!
There is more financial aid at hand than you may realise!

What is available?

There is a common misconception that financial assistance is only for either exceptionally brilliant students or very poor students.

You may find that although you are neither, you are still eligible for some financial assistance.

There are various opportunities for financial assistance available in the forms of scholarships, fellowships, and assistantships for UPM students and potential candidates.

For Malaysian students
- Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship
- MyBRAIN15 MyMaster
- MyBRAIN15 MyPhD
- MyBRAIN15 MyPhD Industri
- Khazanah Watan Scholarship Programme
- UPM Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF)

For Malaysian & international students
- OWSD Postgraduate Training Fellowship
- IDB MSc Scholarship
- IDB Merit Scholarship Programme for High Technology
- SEARCA Graduate Scholarship
- UPM Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA)
- UPM Special Graduate Research Allowance Scheme (SGRA)

For international students
- Malaysian International Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies
- Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan
- Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme Scholarship
- UPM International Graduate Research Fellowship (IGRF)
How do I boost my chances of getting financial assistance?

Strategise!!! To help your chances of getting financial assistance, you should be aware of application deadlines, and submit your application early. You also need to make sure that you fulfil all the requirements of the financial assistance you are applying for. If you are a Malaysian student, for example, you can apply for MyBRAIN15, which is a government scholarship, as soon as you receive an offer letter from UPM. The good thing about UPM is that you can submit an application for postgraduate study at any time throughout the year.

If you are an international applicant, check out international scholarships offered by the Malaysian government such as the Malaysian International Scholarship for Postgraduate Studies, the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (both under the Ministry of Higher Education), or the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan (under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Further information on these scholarships/fellowships can be found on the School of Graduate Studies website.

UPM currently does not offer any financial assistance at the point of entry into the university. However, after two semesters of study, and with a good academic record, international students may apply for the International Graduate Research Fellowship (IGRF), the Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA), and the Special Graduate Research Allowance Scheme (SGRA). Please note that the GRA is only offered to students up to their fourth semester of study for Master’s students, and up to their sixth semester of study for PhD students, after which students may apply for the SGRA. Successful application is also dependent on good journal publication and support by the student’s supervisor.

Both Malaysian and international applicants should also be on the lookout for other scholarships offered by external organisations such as the Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD), and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB).

When should I submit my application?

Here are some important deadlines for application you should take note of. For further details, please visit the UPM SGS website at www.sgs.upm.edu.my. For scholarships/fellowships offered by organisations other than UPM, please visit their individual websites.

Vice Chancellor’s Scholarship
Application for VCS is open on the SGS website one month before semester begins.

Graduate Research Fellowship (GRF)
Application for GRF is open on the SGS website one month before semester begins.

Int’l Graduate Research Fellowship (IGRF)
Application for IGRF is open on the SGS website one month before semester begins.

Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA)
Application for GRA is open on the SGS website one month before semester begins.

Special Graduate Research Allowance (SGRA) Application for SGRA is open at all times including during semester break.
Where can I get help with my application?

If you do not want to miss out on opportunities for financial assistance, make sure that you are always on the lookout for what is on offer.

The SGS website is a reliable source of information because we are constantly updating information on available financial assistance. The website also contains detailed procedures on how to submit an application.

The staff members at the Financial Assistance Unit of the School of Graduate Studies are always ready to assist you in considering your options. Make sure you make full use of their availability to help ease your financial burden in pursuing your academic dreams.

Good luck in strategising and obtaining financial support for your studies!

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