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**Semester I 2023/2024 Session
Intake Onward**

CATEGORY

PHD

MSC

PHD

MSC

SCIENCE

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MYR 1,130.00 / Semester

1st Semester
MYR 4,260.00

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MYR 1,930.00 / Semester

1st Semester
MYR 3,260.00

2nd & Subsequent Semesters
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MYR 930.00 / Semester

1st Semester
MYR 2,760.00

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1st Semester
MYR 2,260.00

2nd & Subsequent Semesters
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- ✓ The candidate has graduated from UMT at the bachelor's or master's level;
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- ✓ The candidate must register as a **full-time** student.
- ✓ The candidate does not receive any sponsorship or financial contribution such as scholarship or discount;
- ✓ For Research structure, the duration of the study fee discount is **4 semesters for Master's** and **8 semesters for Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)**; For **taught course** program, the duration is based on study scheme of full time mode

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SERVICE/CHEMICAL
OR SAMPLE
PURCHASE



ATTENDING
CONFERENCE/
SEMINAR/MOBILITY
PROGRAMME



ANNOUNCEMENT

POSTGRADUATE
PUBLICATION
INCENTIVE SCHEME (PPIS)

MASTER AND PhD
STUDENT



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AID (SCIENCE CATEGORY)



APPLICATION FORM FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH
FUNDING SCHEME FOR ANALYSIS/EQUIPMENT
USAGE/FACILITY AT UMT LABORATORIES



APPLICATION FORM FOR REFUND OF LABORATORY SERVICE/
ANALYSIS/FACILITY/CHEMICAL OR SAMPLE PURCHASE AND
OTHER FEES STATED BY BENCH FEES



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- ✓ RESEARCH MODE IN SCIENCE
- ✓ ACTIVE STUDENTS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THESIS
(EXCLUDING THOSE WHO DEFERRED THEIR STUDIES DURING APPLICATION)
- ✓ BENCH FEES HAVE BEEN FULLY USED
- ✓ NOT APPLICABLE TO RECIPIENT OF UMT SCHOLARSHIP
- ✓ NO OUTSTANDING FEES DUE



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INTRODUCTION TO **FAST TRACK PhD** **Program** AT UMT



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EXCELLENCE
IN RESEARCH



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THE FUTURE





16-17% First Class Honors

Approximately one-sixth of UMT graduates achieved the highest academic distinction in 2025.



Total Faculty Students

1,452



High-Achievers
375

Performance spans across eight undergraduate programs within the faculty.

THE TRADITIONAL ROUTE



Bachelor's Degree

The foundational undergraduate qualification required before advancing to postgraduate studies.



Master's Program

The standard intermediary step involving specialized coursework and preliminary research.



PhD Research

The final doctoral stage reached only after completing a Master's degree.

THE FAST TRACK



Direct PhD Entry

A dedicated pathway bypassing the Master's degree requirement entirely.



CGPA $\geq$ 3.67
**High-Achievement
Threshold**

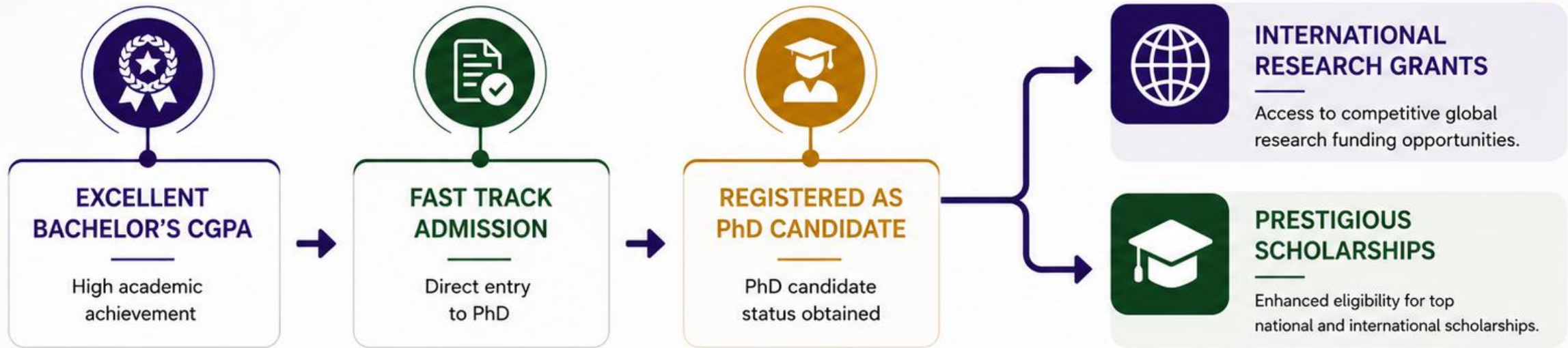
Exclusive to undergraduate students maintaining a CGPA of 3.67 or higher.



Immediate Full-Time Research

Direct transition from undergraduate studies into intensive full-time doctoral research.

FAST TRACK **PhD** PATHWAY



WHY IT MATTERS: STRATEGIC IMPACT



GLOBAL RESEARCH EXPOSURE

- Earlier access to international research funding.
- Increased opportunities for global collaboration.



STUDENT EXCELLENCE & GROWTH

- Greater scholarship competitiveness.
- Accelerated pathway to research leadership.



INSTITUTIONAL IMPACT

- More high-performing PhD candidates.
- Strengthened research output and university visibility.



NATIONAL & SOCIETAL BENEFIT

- Supports national talent development.
- Drives innovation and knowledge advancement.



Fast track PhD is an investment in **excellence opportunity** and **impact** for students, UMT and the nation.

FAST TRACK **PhD** PATHWAY

1



OPEN TO ALL

Local and international candidates

2



ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION

Applicant must hold a BSc degree with a CGPA of **3.67/4.00 or above** (or equivalent) from UMT or other HEIs recognised by the Senate.

3



FULL TIME ENROLMENT

Admitted to the Fast Track PhD programme at UMT on a **full time** basis.

4



INTERVIEW

Applicants will be called for an interview before being offered a place in the **UMT Postgraduate program**.

The interview panel shall consist of **two (2) assessors** in the field of expertise appointed by the relevant faculty/institute/centre.

5



RESEARCH PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Research proposals will be evaluated based on the established **rubric**.

6



OFFER – FAST TRACK PhD

Applicants who meet the interview requirements will be offered a place in the **Fast Track PhD** programme at UMT.

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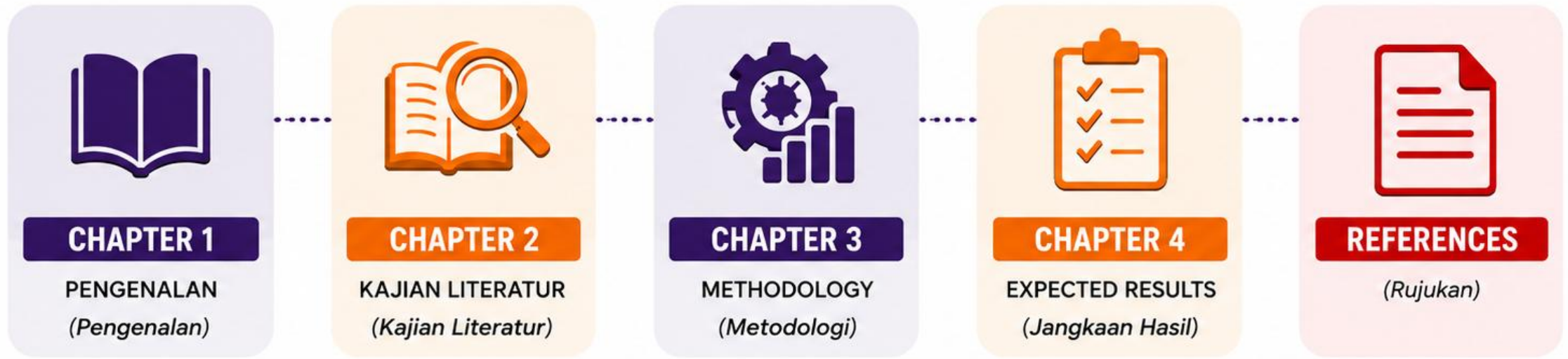
OFFER – MASTERS PROGRAM

Applicants who do not meet the interview requirements will be offered a place in the **Masters program (by research)** at UMT.

FAST TRACK PhD PROPOSAL PROCESS

1 PREPARE THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Applicant must prepare the **research proposal** according to the specified format and focus on the following areas:



PROPOSAL FORMAT

- ✓ 15 to 20 pages, including (appendix)
- ✓ Font: Times New Roman 12
- ✓ Line spacing: 1.5



IMPORTANT REMINDER

It is the **student's responsibility** to prepare the research proposal according to the required format.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY: ADMISSION **PROCESS**

2 SUBMIT AN ONLINE APPLICATION

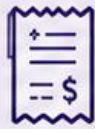
Applicants are required to submit a complete online application through the Graduate Student Enrollment Application (GSEA) Portal:

 <https://gsea.umt.edu.my/>



The following supporting documents must be uploaded:

a.



Proof of payment of the non-refundable application processing fee:

Applicant Category	Processing Fee
Malaysian Applicants	RM25.00 (for applications submitted before 1 August 2026)
	RM50.00 (effective for applications submitted on or after 1 August 2026)
International Applicants	USD26.50 (for applications submitted before 1 August 2026)
	USD53.00 (effective for applications submitted on or after 1 August 2026)

b.



A copy of the Malaysian Identification Card (MyKad) or International Passport.

c.



Certified copies of the academic transcript(s) and degree certificate(s), or an APEL Certificate, where applicable.

d.



PhD Research Proposal

e.



An Academic Referee's Report or Letter of Recommendation.

f.



Evidence of financial capability, such as:

- Financial Statement
- Bank Statement
- Bank Guarantee
- Sponsorship Letter



Ensure all documents are clear, complete and in the required format before submission through the GSEA Portal.

FAST TRACK PhD PATHWAY

THE EVALUATION PROCESS AT THE FACULTY/INSTITUTE LEVEL



FACULTY / INSTITUTE



This process takes place at the faculty/institute level.

1



REVIEWER

Reviewers will evaluate candidates through an interview session (temuduga) to determine whether the candidate is eligible to proceed to the **PhD** programme.

2



REVIEW PANEL

2

PANEL MEMBERS

The Review Panel shall consist of **two (2)** panel members in the relevant field, appointed by the faculty/institute, of whom at least **one (1)** must be a **Professor**.

3



EXTERNAL REVIEWERS

Review Panel members may be appointed from **UMT academic staff** or from **other universities**.



NOTE:

This evaluation process aims to ensure that candidates demonstrate strong potential, academic merit, and suitability to be admitted to the **PhD** programme.



GRADUATE SCHOOL (GS)

AFTER FACULTY LEVEL EVALUATION



Once candidates have completed the evaluation at the faculty level, the application will proceed to the Graduate School (GS) for the next process.

FAST TRACK PhD PATHWAY

1



The admission to the **PhD** program (Fast Track Route) will be approved by the **JKPS** after obtaining the interview decision.

2



The candidate will receive the decision from the GS via email:



Successful: Offer letter to the **PhD** program.



Unsuccessful: Offer letter to the **MSc** program.

3



If candidate decide to accept the **MSc** program, they remain eligible for the conversion mode (MSc to PhD) no later than their second semester of study.

4



The academic evaluation for subsequent semesters must be conducted in the same manner as other students in the **conventional PhD** program.



These processes are in place to maintain academic excellence and ensure that only the best candidates are admitted to the **PhD** program.



FAST TRACK PhD INTERVIEW EVALUATION RUBRIC

OVERALL ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK



**INTERVIEW
ASSESSMENT**
60%



**RESEARCH
PROPOSAL**
40%



A. INTERVIEW ASSESSMENT (60%)

	WEIGHT
1. Communication Skills	20%
2. Personality	10%
3. Knowledge	20%
4. Readiness for Postgraduate Study	15%
5. Thinking Skills	20%
6. Innovation Competition Involvement	5%
7. Motivation	10%
TOTAL	60%



B. RESEARCH PROPOSAL ASSESSMENT (40%)

	WEIGHT
1. Research Title	5%
2. Problem Statement & Research Gap	25%
3. Research Objectives / Questions	20%
4. Literature Review	15%
5. Research Methodology	15%
6. Research Significance	20%
TOTAL	40%

SCORING SCALE



FINAL RECOMMENDATION



The final decision is based on the combined score from **Interview Assessment (60%)** and **Research Proposal Assessment (40%)**.



PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PhD STUDENTS

Students are required to fulfil the following publication requirements before graduating:

PROGRAMME	REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLICATION	TYPE OF PUBLICATION
 PhD	At least : 2 journal articles (accepted)	 WoS / Scopus



-  The publication must be related to the student's research in his/her submitted thesis.
-  Only publications made during the candidature can be accepted.
-  Publications must be published with the supervisor(s).
-  One of the supervisors shall act as the corresponding author.
-  The student must be the main author (first author).
-  In the event of two or more students co-author in a journal article, **only one student is allowed to use this article** to fulfil his/her graduation requirement.



These requirements are mandatory and must be fulfilled before graduation.

CONVERSION FROM MASTER TO PhD PROGRAMME

a ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

A student may apply for a conversion from a Master to PhD programme within (after enrolment) and may apply **only once**, subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:



2 SEMESTERS
for full-time
candidates



4 SEMESTERS
for part-time
candidates

CONDITIONS



Research
achievement

1



AND presentation
at national or
international level

2



Internal
assessment via
Viva voce

3



Approval by the
Postgraduate
Committee of UMT

4

1 RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT



At least one (1)
journal paper
(CA-WoS / Scopus
or equivalent)
accepted for
publication

OR



A **patent**
application
(pending or granted)
AND a presentation
at a national or
international seminar

OR



Any **other**
equivalent
achievement as
determined by the
faculty/institute/
centre AND a
presentation at a
national or
international seminar

b

RESEARCH PROJECT REQUIREMENT



The intended research project must be a **continuation** or an **expansion** of the Master's research project.



Applicants must ensure that all the above conditions are **fulfilled** before submitting the application for conversion.



Conversion is not automatic and is subject to the approval of the **Postgraduate Committee of UMT**.

Q & A



Q & A

01



Do students usually propose their own research topic, or are topics assigned by supervisors and Is interdisciplinary research encouraged, for example combining AI and Cybersecurity?

02



How many journal publications are typically required before graduation?

03



Sekiranya saya memilih untuk bekerja dahulu selepas tamat pengajian, adakah saya masih berpeluang memohon program Fast Track PhD pada masa akan datang? Adakah pengalaman bekerja memberi kelebihan atau terdapat syarat tertentu yang perlu saya penuhi?

04



Jika ada sebarang bantuan kewangan atau biasiswa untuk memasuki program ini.

Q&A

Hi Dr Alice and Dr Kam, I'm Afiq. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend the briefing session due to a work commitment. I would appreciate it if you could help clarify a few questions regarding the programme.



a

Does UMT offer the PhD Fast Track programme on a part-time basis for candidates who are working full-time?



b

If the programme is available part-time, are candidates still eligible to undertake their research under a research grant or funded project?



c

What are the eligibility requirements for the Fast Track programme (e.g., minimum CGPA, interview, supervisor approval, publication requirements, etc.)?



d

What does the selection/interview process involve, and what criteria are assessed?



e

If a candidate is unsuccessful during the interview or selection process, can they still apply for the normal PhD programme later, or is there another pathway?



f

What is the overall process from application until admission into the Fast Track programme?



g

What is the expected duration for completing the Fast Track PhD? Is there a maximum candidature period?



h

If a candidate is unable to complete the programme within the stipulated timeline, what options are available? Is an extension possible?



i

What is the difference in tuition fees between full-time and part-time PhD candidates?



j

Are there any scholarships, financial assistance, fee waivers, or graduate assistantships available for Fast Track students?



k

For candidates who are employed full-time, how flexible are the research requirements?



l

Are there any compulsory on-campus attendance requirements?

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