



GRADUATE EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME (GrEP) 2020

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1.0 INTRODUCTION

MARA offers educational loans in the form of convertible loans to Post-Graduate (Masters and Doctor of Philosophy) degrees at top ranking local and international universities to outstanding graduates in the fields that meet the need of the nation's workforce demand.

2.0 TERMS OF APPLICATION

The general and specific terms for applications are as follows:

2.1 General Terms

2.1.1 The applicant and either parent are Bumiputera and Malaysian.

2.1.2 Applicant's age limit as of **31 December 2020**:

Level of study	Place of study	Maximum Age limit
Master	Local	40 years
	Overseas	35 years
Doctor of Philosophy	Local	45 years
	Overseas	40 years

- 2.1.3 Applicants have completed their Undergraduate / Master's degree with outstanding achievement as described in paragraph 2.2.1.
- 2.1.4 Applicants must be certified to be of good health by a registered medical practitioner and free from pregnancy, mental illness, physical disability, infectious diseases (HIV-AIDS, Hepatitis B & C and others), epilepsy, genetic diseases and drug abuse.
- 2.1.5 The applicant / mother / father / guardian is not blacklisted under legal action by MARA.
- 2.1.6 Applicants are not under any financial or sponsorship contract with any other agency at the time of application.
- 2.1.7 Applicants must obtain a release / suspension of service contract or repayment of loan from other sponsorship body. Employed applicants need to obtain an unpaid study leave or a formal confirmation of their resignation from their employer.
- 2.1.8 Applicants have never been under termination or disciplinary action by any sponsorship body education institutions.
- 2.1.9 MARA and MARA subsidiaries employees are not eligible to apply for this loan.

2.2 Academic Requirements

2.2.1 Academic requirements are as follows:

Level of study	Place of study	Academic qualifications
Master	Local	1. Possess a Bachelor's Degree recognized by the government with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 or its equivalent.
	Overseas	1. Possess a Bachelor's Degree recognized by the government with a minimum CGPA of 3.75 or equivalent; 2. Obtained IELTS 6.5
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	Local	1. Possess a Master's Degree recognized by the government with a minimum CGPA of 3.50 or its equivalent.
	Overseas	1. Possess a Master's Degree recognized by the government with a minimum CGPA of 3.75 or equivalent; 2. Obtain IELTS 6.5

- 2.2.2 For Master of Architecture (Part II) studies applicants are required to have the qualifications recognized by the Board of Architects Malaysia (LAM) Part I and at least six (6) months of work experience in related fields.
- 2.2.3 Applicants who do not meet the CGPA requirements are eligible to be considered, having at least three (3) years of relevant work experience.

3.0 PROGRAMME TERMS

- 3.1 Applicants who are currently studying or are about to begin their studies **before or after 31 December 2020.**
- 3.2 Applicants who are currently studying must have at least **1 year of remaining study term for Master's Degree and 2 years of PhD.**
- 3.3 Applicants who plan to study locally must obtain an offer of study from the Institutions as listed in **Appendix A.**
- 3.4 Applicants who plan to study abroad must receive a conditional or unconditional offer from leading education institutions as listed in **Appendix A.**
- 3.5 Applicants must not already possess the same for which they are applying.
- 3.6 The courses applied must possess accreditation from the Public Service Department (PSD).
- 3.7 Application is open to **full time study** only.

4.0 LOAN PERIOD

4.1 The loan period for each application is as follows:

4.1 Masters : 1 - 2 years

4.2 Doctor of Philosophy : 4 years

5.0 APPLICATIONS

5.1 Applications must be made online by MARA *official* website <http://www.mara.gov.my> from 31 March until 13 April 2020.

5.2 Applications that have received any response from MARA within three (3) months from the date of the advertisement are considered unsuccessful in which all decisions are final.

6.0 INQUIRIES

Any inquiries and further information can be forwarded to:

MARA Sponsorship Department
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Telephone: 03-2613 2103 /35032/32067 /32106
Email : pascasiswazah@mara.gov.my

LIST OF UNIVERSITIES FOR
GRADUATES EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME 2020

1. University of Malaya (UM)
2. Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)
3. National University of Malaysia (SME)
4. University of Science Malaysia (USM)
5. University of Technology Malaysia (UTM)
6. University of Northern Malaysia (UUM)
7. University of Technology MARA (UiTM)
8. University of Sabah Sabah (UMS)
9. University of Sarawak Sarawak (UNIMAS)
10. University of Kelantan Malaysia (UMK)
11. University of Malaysia Pahang (UMP)
12. International Islamic University of Malaysia (UIAM)
13. University of Perlis Malaysia (UNIMAP)
14. University of Terengganu Malaysia (UMT)
15. University of Science Islam Malaysia (USIM)
16. Technical University of Malaysia (UTEM)
17. Sultan Zainal Abidin University (UNISZA)
18. Tun Hussein Onn University Malaysia (UTHM)
19. National Defense University of Malaysia (UPNM)
20. Sultan Idris University (UPSI)
21. International Center For Education In Islamic Finance (INCEIF)
22. Multimedia University (MMU)
23. National University of Energy (UNITEN)
24. Petronas University of Technology (UTP)

**LIST OF OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES FOR
GRADUATE EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME 2020**

List of universities according to subjects / programmes based on the *QS World University Ranking*

1.1 UNITED STATES & UNITED KINGDOM

No	Category	Position
1	Top ranking by subjects / programmes	Top 20

1.2 DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

No	Category	Position
1	Top ranking by subject / programmes (Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Finland , New Zealand, Switzerland, Germany, Canada, Ireland, Singapore, Australia , France, Japan, Portugal, Czech Republic, South Korea, Spain, Italy)	Top 10

1.3 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

No	Category	Position
1	Best Rankings by subject / program (China, Taiwan, India, Russia)	Top 5

Source : www.topuniversities.com

LIST OF COURSES

1. Chemical Engineering
2. Civil Engineering
3. Mechanical
4. Electrical & Electronic
5. Robotics & Automation
6. Telecommunication Engineering
7. Mechatronic
8. Nanotechnology
9. Petroleum Engineering
10. Solar Energy
11. Wind Energy
12. Environmental Engineering
13. Marketing Management
14. E-business
15. International Business Management
16. Economics
17. Logistics Management
18. Supply Chain Management
19. Online Sales & Supply
20. Marketing Communications
21. Law
22. Game Design
23. Animation
24. Apps Design
25. Web Design
26. Graphic Design
27. Multimedia Design or Advertising Design
28. Virtual Reality
29. AI / Intelligent Systems
30. Bioinformatics
31. Cyber Security
32. Business Information System (BIS)
33. Cloud Computing
34. Computer Engineering
35. Data Analysis / Data Science
36. Internet of Things (IoT)
37. Network Computing
38. Programming

39. Software Engineering
40. Computer Security
41. Computer Games Development
42. Architecture
43. Interior Architecture
44. Interior Design
45. Quantity Surveying
46. Actuarial Science
47. Banking & Finance
48. Banking & Investments
49. Financial Engineering
50. Financial Technology (FinTech)
51. Islamic Banking & Finance
52. Accounting
53. Risk Management
54. Pharmacy
55. Sports Medicine Rehabilitation
56. Veterinary Science
57. Genetic Engineering
58. Agriculture
59. Aquatic Marine Science
60. Biotechnology
61. Food Science with Nutrition
62. Seed Technology
63. Herbal Technology
64. Motorcycle / Automotive / Heavy Vehicles / Trains / Aircraft / Marine
65. Motorcycle / Auto Design
66. Safety
67. Emissions
68. Electric
69. Noise, Vibration, Harshness
70. Vehicle Electronics
71. Durability
72. Material
73. Parts design production
74. Maintenance