



AUSTRALIA–MALAYSIA VIRTUAL PHD INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2025

The Australia-Malaysia Virtual PhD Internship program is an initiative of the Australian Department of Education in Malaysia in collaboration with the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education to enable **10** PhD scholars from Malaysian public universities to undertake a **12-week** virtual internship with an Australian supervisor from a higher education or research institution within Australia.

This program recognises the Australian Government's priority of strengthening education cooperation, institutional partnerships and student and researcher mobility with Malaysia, through partnership with the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE).

Scholars will be required to complete an online orientation before commencing the internship, submit a midterm report, and present their research at a Mini Symposium in KL. The Department of Education will fund a one-time AUD\$500 student stipend, as well as travel and accommodation to support scholars to participate in the Mini Symposium, concluding the Virtual PhD Internship Program.

Objective

The primary objective of the research internship program is to provide high calibre Malaysian PhD students with a first-hand experience of an Australian research institution through virtual collaboration with an Australian research supervisor. This will help establish strong and lasting collaborative international research links between Malaysia and Australia.

Requirements

- Scholars must be enrolled at one of the 20 public universities in Malaysia.
- Due to the nature of the internship, applicants enrolled in lab sciences or engineering are ineligible for the program.
- Scholars must be early career researchers and 35 years or under.
- Scholars must secure their own Australian supervisor prior to commencing the program.
- Scholars must be a Malaysian national.

Timeline

Date	Activity
19 February	Call for applications
4 March	Application Webinar
14 March	Applications close (11:59pm)
15/16 April	Interviews
By 25 April	Selected candidates are notified
7 May	Induction session for supervisors and students
21 May	Final date to start internship period (secure supervisor)
May-August	Internship period
26 June	Mid-Program Report due date
15 August	Final date of internship completion
Late August	Closing ceremony and Mini Symposium

For advice on writing your application and to ask any questions, please join us on the 4th of March at 9:30am (MYT) for our application Q&A. Follow the link below to access the webinar:

Webinar: [Australia-Malaysia Virtual PhD Internship Program 2025- Application Q&A](#)