

RM150k grant for UMS researcher

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KOTA KINABALU: Dr Nur Athirah Yusof (pic), a Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) researcher, was awarded a RM150,000 grant by the Sultan Mizan Antarctic Research Foundation (YPASM).



Athirah, a senior lecturer of the UMS Biotechnology Research Institute, received the grant through her research papers on Antarctic fungi and the response to “heat stress.”

She said she did not expect to be selected as one of the six recipients of the grant.

“I am grateful to YPASM for the trust given to me and this research will be implemented in three years until 2022.

“My research will focus more on climate change, which is about bio signs in microbial samples from the West and North Antarctica, to identify the effect of climate change on the Antarctic continent,” she added.