

More than 500 students offered spots for postgraduates studies in UMS

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UMS new Semester Two 2018/2019 postgraduates.

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KOTA KINABALU: The effort to promote lifelong education, especially in postgraduate studies, is an evidence of a public educational institution in upholding knowledge in various fields.

Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) is one of the higher education public institutions that offers courses of various fields at postgraduate levels.

Dean of UMS Postgraduate Studies Centre, Prof. Dr. Arsiah Bahron said the UMS post-graduates are always committed in the effort of pursuing their studies at the master's and doctoral levels, in line with

current needs.

"The effort in promoting postgraduate education will always be continued, and UMS offers a wide range of fields including science and humanities," he said.

Due to the rising costs of education especially at master's and doctoral levels, UMS tries to ease the burden by providing allocations of a fund scheme.

Deputy Dean of Student Welfare Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Dr. Azaze @ Azizi Abdul Adis stated that students can apply for the scheme but it is subject to UMS's approval requirements.

"There are a few conditions for the application, and it is based on

the available allocations.

"To apply, postgraduate students must be doing full-time research modes and are able to achieve the main objectives of the scheme which is to complete their studies within a specified time frame," said Azaze.

A total of 535 students are offered to pursue postgraduate programmes in Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) and Master's in research and coursework for Semester Two, 2018/2019.

Among those who have enrolled are 88 PhD students and 112 undergraduate students for research modes, while 105 others are students of Pusat Luar UMS (PLUMS)

which pursue master's degree studies by doing coursework.

"The current enrollment saw an increase in international students, of which 35 are students from China, Brunei, Indonesia and Bangladesh," said Arsiah when met during UMS registration session recently.

Arsiah also stressed that UMS still maintains as a relevant centre of studies at postgraduate levels.

"This is proven as some UMS post graduate alumni were able to obtain a better position compared to when they have not pursued their graduate studies.

"The increase of international students in the doctoral programmes is

also an indication that the UMS doctoral programmes maintain relevance and are well-liked by others," Arsiah added.

Meanwhile, Deputy Dean of Academic and International Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Prof. Madya Dr. Fauziah Sulaiman also saw an increase in international students in the PhD programme which also shows recognition from the international student community to the teaching and learning system conducted by UMS.

Also present were UMS Director PLUMS, Prof. Dr. Stephen Laison Sondoh and Deputy Registrar of the UMS Postgraduate Studies Centre, Sirahim Abdullah.