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MyMentor Awareness Program

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Collaboration between International Branch Campuses and Public Universities to develop post-doctoral research activity in Malaysia

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WHAT IS MYMENTOR?

- The MyMentor program is designed to motivate and support both experienced and early career researchers who work in public universities. Malaysia has invested heavily in increasing the proportion of academic staff in public universities with a PhD, but many have not had the opportunity to undertake post-doctoral activities and, thus, develop an independent research career

- This program will support 230 academics over a five year period with a target of 350 high quality publications

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WHY MYMENTOR?

- Malaysia Nottingham Doctoral Programme (MNDP)
- Many early career academic struggle to develop their potential as researchers, meaning that there is limited longer term to return on the investment made by the Malaysian government
- Malaysian Higher Education Blue Print 2015

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CITATIONS PER PUBLICATION?

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Institution	**Overall**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Monash University	10.40	17.70	16.50	14.20	10.00	6.00	2.60
University of Nottingham	10.20	17.10	15.00	14.10	8.50	5.80	2.10
University of Southampton	10.10	18.80	14.10	13.40	9.60	5.80	2.40
University of Malaya	5.80	8.80	9.00	7.40	6.20	4.40	2.00
University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus	5.20	9.00	9.10	8.60	5.00	3.00	1.20
Universiti Sains Malaysia	5.00	9.40	7.20	5.60	4.30	2.50	1.00
Universiti Putra Malaysia	4.40	8.30	6.70	5.70	3.80	2.40	1.10
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia	3.40	6.40	4.70	4.10	3.20	2.10	1.10
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia	3.40	6.00	5.70	5.30	4.00	2.30	1.10
Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia	2.10	4.50	4.90	2.90	2.00	1.10	0.40
Data extracted: 28 Sep 2016							

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WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

- Ministry of Education
- Foreign Branch Campuses
- 20 public universities
- Mentors
- Mentees

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WHY US?

- Russell Group (UK) or Go8 (Australia)
- Top 100 universities (QS Ranking)
- Can draw on UK/Australia expertise
- Has a lot of research knowledge/experience
- Committed to developing Malaysia research environment and developing long lasting collaborative links
- Representatives from each university here, who can talk about their specific research expertise

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WHERE?

Two extremes

1. The mentee would remain at their home institution for the duration of the mentoring program and would attend regular meetings with their mentor in a mutually convenient location
2. The mentee would be based at the same institution as their mentor for the duration of the project. This will enable them to work more closely with their mentor. It is also potentially an expensive option as there may be travel and accommodation costs involved

We would welcome proposals that sit between these two extremes and are flexible to negotiate what best fits the mentee.

***Note: the budget is limited and it does not cover travel and accommodation and subsistence for prolonged periods.**

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WHEN?

- Over a year in the planning
- Launch : 13th April 2015
- Mentoring program will pair a mentor/mentee for a period of 24 months
- Over five years, mentor 230 Malaysian scientists (10, 25, 50, 70, 75)

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HOW?

- Competitive selection process (mentee and the mentor)
- Proposal is pitched by the mentee and mentor
- Project is for 24 months and will be reviewed after the first year (open to discussion on different models)
- Awareness activities
- Annual Networking Event

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WHAT EXTRA BENEFITS ?

- After confirmation of the 1st year/6months Review the mentee has an option to attend:

I. A fully funded International Conference.

OR

II. A 3 month attachment to preferably the mentor's parent institution.

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MYMENTOR CURRENT PRIORITIES

- Currently refreshing our list of mentors
- Looking for the next 25 mentees
- Want to have even more interaction with the public universities, at all levels
- Welcome feedback on how we can improve
- First publications
- International placements
- Seminar series

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MYMENTOR FAQ

- Budget & Finances
- Facilities (e.g. labs and consumables)
- Intellectual Property
- Other activities (Conference, Workshops and Seminars)
- Research Collaboration Agreement

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MYMENTOR SCHEMES

- **Option 1:** (current scheme)

  2 years postdoctoral

- **Option 2:** (proposed scheme)

  9 months attachment with a mentor

- **Option 3:** (proposed scheme)

  Part time mentoring with reduced teaching and admin commitment

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QUESTIONS?

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- http://mymentor.edu.my/
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