

## Biodiversity & Eco-tourism

UTAR's Eco-tourism Programme focuses on socially responsible travel, personal growth, and environmental sustainability which will involve travel to destinations where flora, fauna, and cultural heritage are the primary attractions.

Besides updating their knowledge, this course provides participants with opportunities to experience Malaysia's beauty and interact with its multi-cultural people. Participants will be taken on guided tours and visit places of interest to enjoy and soak in the beauty of Malaysia's cultural heritage. Participants may also participate in homestay programme during the weekends.

Participants are guided to acquire a working knowledge of the science of conservation biology through lectures and field trips. Visits to places of interest as well as homestays with Malaysian families also form part of the course.

Duration: 2 week- study tour

### Objective

- To provide a working knowledge of the science of conservation biology while providing opportunities for touring the country and getting to know its vibrant culture.



Tempurung Cave in Gopeng, Perak, Malaysia. It is popular among spelunkans or caving enthusiasts; Rafflesia is a genus of parasitic flowering plants can be found in Malaysia.

## New Village Project

There are 615 villages in West Malaysia. Most of these villages were ageing because many young people were leaving for the cities due to the lack of job opportunities. However, these are charming villages with beautiful scenery. They have rich resources such as fresh vegetables and seafood which attract tourists and help developing domestic tourism.

To promote the uniqueness of these new villages, UTAR students and staff work with local communities to collect information and details of these village and upload then onto the website. They also organized the following activities including New Village Tour, New Village Survey, New Village Community Service, New Village Collaborative Project and New Village E-Commerce Project

Students can have a better understanding on the villages, learn to be broad-minded, develop creativity and entrepreneurship skills, and learn to work as a team.

Duration: adjustable

### Objectives

- Our civic engagement program involves blending of activities with soft skills, life skills and academic learning which allows students to learn through active engagement while addressing real community need. In addition, this "learn by doing" and interacting with community programme also prepared students to be an involved global citizen in society



Students visit to fruit orchard



Demonstration on knitting fishing



# UTAR STUDENT MOBILITY PROGRAMME

## UTAR STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMME TESTIMONIALS



Lee Hochan, South Korea, Kookmin University

"If you want study abroad, Malaysia is best choice. The food is nice and awesome. I made a lot of nice friends here and received warm hospitality from UTAR friends. UTAR is my choice, and now UTAR will be your choice!"



Chang Wei Ling, Taiwan, National Yunlin University of Science & Technology

"I stay in UTAR Kampar campus over 6 months. The university staffs do their best to solve my problems. I gained new knowledges through UTAR programmes and local friends enrich my life story here, let my university life keep running well."



Fatima Sadeddeen, Germany, Fachhochschule Dortmund University of Applied Sciences and Arts

"I met a lot of very kind and nice people in Malaysia, starting from the lecturers and bus drivers to the other people I just met randomly at the street."

Yuka Hanaki, Japan, Kwansei Gaikuin University

"I am joining UTAR as an intern through the internship exchange programme. This university provides students with a lot of programmes including soft skills programme Throughout this programme, I gained some new knowledges, able to improve my communication skills and learned positive attitudes. My life in UTAR is precious!"



## ENQUIRY

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About Malaysia

Why Study in Malaysia?

Malaysia was rated the world's 12th most preferred study destination by international students in 2014 according to UNESCO.

Established and high quality education system and standards

Malaysia's higher education system is of international standards, closely monitored by the Ministry of Higher Education, which has the vision to turn Malaysia into a Center of Excellence for Higher Education.

The Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) under the Ministry of Higher Education is a quality assurance body responsible for monitoring and overseeing the quality assurance practices and accreditation of national higher education.

Low Expenditure of Studying and Living

The expenditure of studying and living in Malaysia is comparatively low to countries as the Malaysian currency conversion is advantageous.

Comfortable, Peaceful and Safe Living

Malaysia is one of the safest and most political stable countries in the world with a relatively low crime rate and free from most natural disasters.

Common Languages

The official language is Bahasa Malaysia but many other languages and dialects are used in Malaysia. English is also widely used and spoken in this country.

Food in Malaysia

With its delightful varieties of cultures and traditions, Malaysia is undeniably a food haven that offers a sumptuous range of cuisine. The price of the food is so affordable that you can eat out most of the time during your stay in Malaysia.

Multi-ethnic Nation with Multi Cultures

International students benefit from the experience of studying in Malaysia through the exposure of the different cultures and traditions of a multi-racial country which is valuable and not easily available.

Great Place for Travel Destinations

Malaysia is a friendly, beautiful and culturally rich country. It's also extremely good value for money to travel in. Malaysia was ranked no.9 most visited country in the world.



Kuala Lumpur is home to a variety of must-see landmarks and experiences.



About UTAR

Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) was founded in June 2002 as a not-for-profit private university in Malaysia. With the first intake of only 411 students, UTAR now has over 25,000 students. UTAR has graduated over 50,500 students since its inaugural convocation in 2005.

UTAR currently offers more than 110 programmes, ranging from Foundation Study to Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD degrees in the fields of Accountancy, Arts, Actuarial Science, Agriculture, Business and Economics, Creative Industries and Design, Engineering and Built Environment, Information and Communication Technology, Life and Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Process Management, Medicine and Health Sciences, and Social Science and Education.

The University promotes research and scholastic development through its teaching, research and development and commercialisation activities. The establishment of its 28 research centres, the UTAR Global Research Network and UTAR Undergraduate Research Scheme underlines UTAR's commitment in promoting teaching and research excellence. To intensify and facilitate close collaborations with key stakeholders, UTAR has since established nine endowed professorial chairs and formed active collaboration with more than 200 local and international universities to facilitate exchanges, research and training.



UTAR ranked

**#501- 600 in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018**

**#99 in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2018**

About UTAR Mobility Programmes

Academic Exchange

1. Student Exchange Programme
2. Internship/ Research Attachment

Study Tour / Short Courses

1. English Immersion Programme
2. Conversational Malay & Cultural Immersion Programme
3. Biodiversity & Eco-tourism
4. New Village Project



Student Exchange Programme

An exchange programme involves an agreement between two universities to exchange students. The advantage is that you do not have to pay tuition fees at the host university.

Undergraduate or postgraduate students enrolled in this programme will be permitted to register for a course of their choice (subject to the rules and regulations governing the programme).

Duration: One semester to one academic year

UTAR Academic Calendar:  
January Trimester: January to May  
May Trimester: May to September  
October Trimester: October to January (next year)

Objective

- International learning and knowledge propels students towards acceptance and understanding of an array of different cultural and community perspectives.

Internship & Research Attachment

Students who joined Internship Programme may involve in research, training or internship attached to a supervisor in UTAR. Applicants can opt to undertake a period of research, training or internship at UTAR provided approval is sought at the home institution.

Duration: From one semester to one academic year or vary depending on the agreed duration between institutions.

Objective

- To broaden and enhance student experience through the overseas internship/ global research attachments under the mentorship of world-class researchers. Students will have the chance to live in Malaysia and conduct research in a different academic/research.



Research attachment and Internship at DSSC, UTAR (International Student Volunteer)

STUDY TOUR & SHORT COURSES ||||

English Immersion Programme

English Immersion Programme (EIP) is a programme that emphasises primarily the oracy skills and the literacy skills. The language content of also included the grammar and vocabulary.

EIP is combined with the fun and stimulating cultural activities and tours to famous tourist attractions in Malaysia. The students will discover the rich natural and cultural resources of Malaysia and get unique experience and better understanding of Malaysia. The students can visit and explore the architectural heritage, temples, sandy beach and Malaysian Small and Medium Enterprise.

The students also can learn the true culture and lifestyle of Malaysia through the Homestay Programme. Homestay Programme is an experience where students stay with the selected families, interact and experience the daily life of these families whilst experiencing the Malaysian culture. The Homestay concept is focused on lifestyle and experiential tourism. The uniqueness of the traditional songs, dances, cuisines and sports as well as rural economic activities are the main attractions and offers unique experience to the students compared to the experience in the city.

Duration: Two weeks or it can be customised

Objectives

- Equip students with communication skills in English for social and study purpose
- Develop students' listening, speaking, reading and writing skill
- Enhance students' vocabulary and grammar
- Expose students to the cultural environment of Malaysia



"Baju Melayu" is the Malay traditional attire for men, a loose tunic which is worn over trousers and usually accompanied with a sarong which is wrapped around the hips. The students have an experience to wear sarong.



The instructor demonstrated the Malays Traditional wedding equipments and explained about the Malay culture and custom to the students.

Conversational Malays & Cultural Immersion Programme

The Conversational Malays & Cultural Immersion Programme (CMCIP) is a platform to provide the participants with an authentic learning experience to learning Malaysia Language. Participants are helped to master the basic skills of the language while being introduced to Malay culture including its arts and crafts and getting to know the country's multi-racial tapestry.

Homestay with Malay family and visits to places of interest enable the participants to get to better understand the Malaysian society besides the opportunity to practise their skills in Malay.

The homestay programme also enables the participant to experience independence, working together, adapting to living in new environment with foster parents, foster relationship with new friends and participate in a number of cultural activities.



Duration: Two weeks or it can be customised

Objective

- Providing basic skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in the Malay language, besides getting to know the Malay culture and places of interest in the country.



Malaysian Cultural Immersion Programme (learn Malays traditional game "Congkak-Congkit", Wau painting and making, Indian dance and etc)