

IMU is a platform for working adults to enhance their professional healthcare skills.



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THE International Medical University (IMU) offers several weekend graduate programmes, allowing working adults to keep abreast of the latest development in scientific knowledge and enhance their skills obtained through daily routines via scientifically sound research projects.

The MSc Molecular Medicine is one of the weekend graduate programmes. It focuses on the role of simple molecules and complex molecular-genetical interactions in human diseases as well as the applications of systems biology, computational biology and chemical genetics in disease diagnostics and treatments.

Since its inaugural cohort in 2013, the programme has attracted healthcare professionals such as medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists and nurses.

Among them is Dr Norafifah Musa, a medical officer currently practising her trade in Shah Alam.

According to Dr Norafifah, molecular medicine is the current and future of medicine. She is eager to conduct a research project in the area and gain experience that is applicable as a clinician.

Her passion for learning is shared by other medical doctors in the programme, including Dr Davie Viyezgo Mhango from Malawi and Dr Safa Abdel Gadir Mohamed Elhassan from Sudan.

Dr Mhango says that as a clinician, molecular medicine is pivotal to the understanding of how personalised medicine (as opposed to the conventional approach of "one size fits all" treatment) can be implemented in disease management.

Dr Safa adds that there are still a number of genetic diseases without definitive treatment that will ultimately rely on continuous research in molecular medicine.

As international students, they feel that the support given by the faculty and fellow coursemates is commendable.

For Dr Lalli Dharmarajan, a dentist from India, IMU's reputation and clear focus in healthcare-related programmes

is her main reason to enrol in the MSc Molecular Medicine.

In addition, the opportunity to conduct research at IMU's partner universities spanning Australia, the United Kingdom, Canada and New Zealand is a huge attraction to study at IMU.

Dave Ling, an alumnus of IMU's Bachelor of Pharmacy and strong believer in lifelong learning, says that his past experience at IMU has strengthened his faith in IMU's quality of teaching.

He hopes his studies at IMU will improve his knowledge in cancer genetics, allowing him to go the extra mile in his career.

In addition, by learning from classmates of diverse working backgrounds, he is now more appreciative of integrative healthcare systems and can tackle problems from different perspectives.

IMU is Malaysia's first and most established private medical and healthcare university with more than 25 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education. The university is the first university in Malaysia that offers conventional and complementary medicine under one roof.

IMU offers various taught master programmes, including the MSc Molecular Medicine, MSc Analytical and Pharmaceutical Chemistry, MSc Public Health, Master of Pharmacy Practice, Master of Health Professions Education, Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry and MSc/PhD in Medical & Health Sciences (by Research).

To cater to working adults, some of the programmes are conducted during weekends, supplemented with interactive online delivery.

The extensive network of IMU's partnering universities from Canada, the UK, Australia and New Zealand further ensures a strong research-focused learning experience and the establishment of professional links that are beneficial to future career development.

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