

HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT

Doctor of Philosophy

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Shape the future of healthcare

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Healthcare Management at IMU is designed for aspiring leaders who want to shape the future of healthcare. This programme empowers you to pursue impactful, industry-relevant research while developing advanced expertise in management, consultancy, and policy development. You will engage in rigorous, cutting-edge research under the guidance of experienced academics and industry leaders, developing the confidence and capability to drive meaningful change across complex healthcare systems. With the flexibility to explore a research area you are passionate about, you will build a portfolio that positions you for influential roles in academia, government, and the global healthcare sector. As part of a vibrant research community, you will collaborate with peers, share insights, and showcase your work to international audiences. If you are ready to challenge conventional thinking and contribute solutions that matter, this programme offers the platform to make a lasting impact on the future of healthcare.

Career Pathways

A PhD in Healthcare Management opens the door to diverse and impactful career pathways across the healthcare ecosystem. Graduates are equipped to take on leadership roles in hospitals and healthcare organisations, drive innovation in digital health, shape national policies, or become influential consultants in health systems and strategy. Many also pursue rewarding careers in academia and research, contributing new knowledge, teaching future healthcare leaders, and leading research centres. Beyond traditional roles, opportunities also extend to global health agencies, non-profit organisations, pharmaceutical companies, and health-tech start-ups, where their expertise in evidence-based decision-making, organisational performance, and healthcare transformation is highly valued. This qualification empowers graduates to create meaningful change, improve health outcomes, and lead the future of healthcare delivery.

Entry Requirements

- Master's Degree in relevant field that accepted by the University's Senate; OR
- Other qualifications equivalent to a Master's degree accepted by the University's Senate; OR
- First Class Honour Degree in a relevant field that is accepted by the University's Senate (direct entry).

English Language Requirements

For International Students (only one required)

IELTS: Band score 6.0; or

TOEFL (iBT): Overall score of 60; or

MUET: Band 4

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE): Overall score of 169; or

Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE): Overall score of 169; or

Cambridge Linguaskill: Overall score of 169; or

Pearson Test of English (PTE): Overall score of 59;

ELS (CIEP Level): 109

The following categories of students are exempted from the above requirements:

1. International students from countries in which English is the first language.
2. International students who graduated from any Malaysian or other institutions where the curriculum is delivered in English.

Degree / Duration

Doctor of Philosophy in Healthcare Management

3 years (full-time)

4 years (part-time)

Commencement

Throughout the year

Programme Structure

Research Modules (compulsory)
Research Methodology, Quantitative Analysis & Qualitative Analysis
Proposal Defense / IMUJC Approval
Presentation of PhD research proposal at IMUJC ICL module 1 / Micro-Credential 1 (Optional)
Executive Programme (optional)
External Executive Programme / Student Mobility / International Conference ICL module 2 / Micro-Credential 2
Data Collection & Thesis Preparation
Data collection, Data Analysis & Thesis writing ICL module 3 / Micro-Credential 3 (Optional)
Viva Voce
Thesis submission Proof of two (2) submitted papers to Scopus / ISI indexed journal (related to the topic of the research)

Assessment

This programme is based wholly on individual supervised research. Candidates of this programme are assessed in two parts. The first is the thesis which is an original body of work representing the methods and results of the research project. The second is an oral defense (viva voce). The thesis must be submitted at the end of the study period. Upon successful defence of the thesis, the candidate will be granted the PhD.

Programme Fee

Fee	Amount (RM)	
	Malaysian Student	International Student
Application Fee	150	500
Registration Fee	1,100	3,400
Refundable Caution Deposit	2,000	2,000
Student Association Fee per Semester**	60	60

- All IMU Alumni who are self-funding their postgraduate studies and meet the eligibility criteria will be eligible for a bursary of 15% • Application fee is payable upon submission of application • Registration fee and refundable caution deposit is payable upon acceptance of the offer letter issued by the IMU Admissions Office • Student must adhere to the "Policy on Payment of Fees"
- For information on Student Visa Administration fee, please refer to Visa and Immigration on the IMU website, www.imu.edu.my • **Subject to annual increase

Tuition Fee

	Malaysian Student (RM)		International Student (RM)	
	Fee Per Semester	Total Fee Per Year	Fee Per Semester	Total Fee Per Year
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	7,500	15,000	14,800	29,600

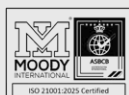
- VIVA fee for this programme is RM2,500 for Malaysians and RM2,600 for international students. This is a one-time fee payable at the end of the programme.
- Total fees will vary based on the duration required to complete the research programme.

All listed fees are exclusive of the 6% Sales and Service Tax (SST), which will be applied to all international students where applicable.

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