

University of Nottingham Malaysia: A Global Hub for Cross Border Collaboration and Strategic Partnerships

The University of Nottingham Malaysia (UNM), established in September 2000 was the first branch campus of a British University established outside the UK. At the heart of UNM is a commitment to exceptional teaching, impactful regional research, and a student experience that fosters a sense of belonging. Nestled within 48 hectares of tranquil, lush greenery, the campus is renowned for its state-of-the-art recreational and sporting facilities, providing a truly global experience.

Building Bridges: An Overview of UNM's Strategic Partnerships

The UNM Strategic Plan prioritises people and partnerships as key to achieving its goals. The University actively seeks partners who align with its vision and values, sharing a commitment to serving communities and fostering mutual growth. Future partnerships will focus on teaching, student experience, research and knowledge exchange.





Global Engagement Strategies

UNM's strategic plan for partnerships

UNM's strategic plan for partnerships focuses on enhancing international research and teaching collaborations through a structured framework and an intelligence-led approach. We have a dedicated team who provide a one-stop service for supporting the development of partnerships.

Mobility opportunities

The commitment in providing extensive mobility opportunities for both staff and students aims to eliminate barriers to tri-campus mobility, broaden the range of mobility options, including virtual experiences and increased staff mobility opportunities. These initiatives are designed to foster a more connected and globally engaged university community.

Education Beyond Borders

UNM offers an extensive global network of exciting exchange programmes that offer life-enhancing opportunities to study abroad at Nottingham campuses in the UK and China as well as partner universities across the globe.

Inter-campus exchange programme

UNM offers students the opportunity to broaden their horizons by studying at the University of Nottingham in the UK or China. Students can spend one semester or up to a full year at these campuses, depending on their programme. These opportunities are designed for students to immerse themselves in diverse cultures, make lifelong connections, and enrich their educational journey.

International partners exchange programme

Undergraduate students can opt to study for a semester or a full academic year at esteemed partner universities across the globe. Students can participate in an exchange programme at a partner university that provides the degree programme they are currently enrolled in, allowing them to continue their academic journey in a new environment. This programme is aimed for students to gain a new academic and cultural environment while earning credits towards their degree.

A member of the Universitas 21 network

The University of Nottingham Malaysia (UNM) is part of the Universitas 21 (U21) network, a prestigious international consortium of research-intensive universities. Membership in U21 reflects UNM's commitment to providing high-quality education and facilitating global collaboration in teaching and research.

Our U21 network from around the globe include:









Concordia University, Canada

Tec De Monterrey, Mexico

University of Birmingham, UK

University of Glasgow, UK







Advancing Frontiers: Research and Knowledge Exchange Initiatives

UNM's initiatives related to research activities and the exchange of knowledge includes fostering a culture of research excellence, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration and ensuring the impact of research on society.



River conservation and economic sustainability in remote areas of Borneo

To promote the conservation of rivers and support local livelihoods in remote areas of Borneo, initiatives include environmental research, community engagement, and sustainable development projects aimed at preserving the natural resources and biodiversity of the region while ensuring the well-being of indigenous populations.

UNM and WWF-Malaysia have partnered to implement ecological flood management strategies in the Trusan River area of Sarawak. This initiative focuses on using sustainable practices like floodplain restoration, re-meandering of river channels, bioengineering for riverbank stabilisation, and wetland restoration.



The Management and Ecology of Malaysian Elephants (MEME) project

To drive research excellence, UNM has participated in initiatives dedicated to the study and conservation of Malaysian elephants under the MEME project. This is a collaborative project between UNM and the Department of Wildlife and National Parks (PERHILITAN), established in 2011. With funding from Yayasan Sime Darby, MEME conducts scientific research to enhance conservation efforts for wild elephants in Peninsular Malaysia. To date, the project has successfully collared 54 elephants, aiding in effective management and reducing human-elephant conflicts. Initiatives involve tracking elephant populations, understanding their ecology and behaviour, and developing strategies for their protection and management.

Delivering Excellence through Corporate **Partnerships**







Empowering the future of media through CNN Academy

A strategic partnership with CNN Academy aimed at providing students with world-class journalism education and training. This collaboration brings together the academic expertise of the University with the industry-leading experience of CNN. It offers students unique opportunities to develop their skills in journalism and media. Additionally, students can learn from one of the world's leading media publications and gain real-life experience in running a media newsroom.

Fostering professional development and skills with MAICSA

We partnered with the Malaysian Insitute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA) to foster professional development and skills in the corporate landscape. It is aimed to equip individuals with the necessary tools and competencies to thrive in today's dynamic and competitive business environment. This collaboration features a series of workshops by UNM aimed at enhancing critical thinking, continuous improvement, employee resilience, and well-being. It also focuses on developing problem-solving skills.

Enhancing Malaysia's technology ecosystem with **PIKOM**

Aimed to further develop industry-academia collaboration to enhance Malaysia's technology ecosystem, we worked with the National Tech Association of Malaysia (PIKOM) in 2020. In 2023, UNM extended its partnership with PIKOM to collaborate on initiatives covering the entire ICT industry represented by PIKOM in tandem with the rise of the digital economy in Malaysia. It covers collaborative planning to enhance academic quality, talent development joint programmes, education and training placements, driving innovation through research and development, and leveraging on expertise for knowledge exchange and facilities for technology ecosystem development in Malaysia.

Building Success by Cultivating Global Exchange of University Staff

Building on our reputation as one the first UK universities to establish overseas campuses enables us to tackle the complexities of our increasingly interconnected world. We cultivate a global mindset amongst our staff by increasing opportunities for tri-campus collaboration and mobility.



Thinking beyond borders and embracing a global and regional perspective allows us to harness diverse opportunities. Exploring partnerships across different regions can accelerate innovation and growth, connecting us with a vast network of strategic alliances, resources and ideas.



Explore partnerships to shape the future of global engagement in academia and beyond

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