

# UMP GETTING GOOD TIPS FROM UTM ON PROCESSES AND PRACTICES INVOLVED WHEN APPLYING FOR RESEARCH GRANT

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The acculturation of research and knowledge in the development of an institute of knowledge is one of the key elements for researchers. Apart from classroom learning, research is one of the means where knowledge can be nurtured and shared between educators and community.

In realising the importance of this, a workshop was organised that highlighted the finer points of writing a good and effective proposal when applying for a research grant and adopting the best practices for the purpose. The workshop, ‘*Writing and Evaluating a Proposal Paper and Sharing the Best of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) Practices*’, was held at Vistana Hotel, Kuantan in February 2015.

It was jointly organised by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP) Department of Research and Innovation’s Grant Unit and UTM’s Centre of Research Management.

The workshop was led by UTM Centre of Research Management Director Prof. Dr. Ruzairi Hj. Abdul Rahim who shared his experience and knowledge and gave good tips on the subject matter that involved writing a proposal right up to the commercialisation level.

Its target audience was UMP junior researchers selected from nine faculties and one language centre. They were picked based on their experience in the research area. Although their experience might be limited, they made up what was inadequate with keen interest as reflected in the questions bombarded to the speaker. The characteristic of a researcher such as this formed the backbone to a strong development in research in UMP. UMP internal assessors were also invited and they got to see how UTM Centre of Research Management went about conducting their business using the MyGrant System.

Detailed planning and sound strategy carried out at the onset of the whole process was one of the main elements practiced by UTM that made the university as one with a high resource of research fund as compared to other public universities.

At the end of the workshop, UMP Research Dean Prof. Dr. Kamal Zuhairi Zamli said he hoped that the cooperation forged between UMP and UTM would continue to remain close and that the workshop should be organised on an annual basis.

He suggested that the event be included in the Department of Research and Innovation Department’s calendar as part of the efforts to continue nourish research culture in the university. 