

UMP RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2009

In efforts to cultivate a research culture in Universiti Malaysia Pahang, the university management board has allocated a research fund of RM5 million for 2009, aimed primarily at encouraging its academic staff to start doing research work.

It is hoped that this fund will stimulate research output from the university's academic staff which in the long run would escalate UMP's reputation as a world-class technical university. Such output needed to do so would include working papers in high impact journals,

conference papers, quality intellectual properties, the development of human capital especially in the areas of engineering and technical aptitude, as well as the development of recognised research products which are award winners and have potential for commercialisation.

In line with these ambitions, the Office of the Deputy Vice-chancellor of Research and Innovation has been put in charge of this fund and is tasked with managing grant application from UMP researchers. On 1 May 2009, as many as 105 short

term research projects for the first half of the year with grant allocations totalling RM3,403,824 were approved and distributed to UMP researchers.

Of the 105 projects, 76% were projects in the Technology and Engineering field, 10% in the Applied Sciences, and the remainder in Humanities and Social Sciences.

For short term grants in the next half of the year, the Office plans to open applications in August, with the distribution of funds expected to take place in October 2009.



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