

UNIVERSITI BRUNEI DARUSSALAM



# BRUNEI DARUSSALAM SCHOLARSHIP ON ENHANCING PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR ASEAN



# **UBD-FPT GLOBAL CENTRE**

# GENERAL INFORMATION BROCHURE



## **INTRODUCTION**

On 13 November 2017, at the 31st ASEAN Summit held in Manila, Philippines, His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam announced that over the next 5 years, the Government of Brunei Darussalam will provide 50 scholarships to enhance professional communication skills for citizens from ASEAN countries.

Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) is pleased to be the organiser of the programmes under this Scholarship, which will be conducted at the UBD-FPT Global Centre in Da Nang, Vietnam.

#### UBD-FPT GLOBAL CENTRE

- UBD-FPT Global Centre is a collaborative project between Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD) and FPT University (FPTU) aimed at improving English proficiency and professional communication skills in the ASEAN region.
- The Centre aims to be the leading English Language training centre in the ASEAN region.

# PROGRAMMES OFFERED

#### Programme 1: Professional Communications in English

This programme helps participants improve their professional communication in English. The training focuses on specific skills of communication in English: writing e-mails, speaking in meetings and interviews; giving presentations, and networking. This programme can help participants achieve increased confidence and professional goals.

### Programme 2: Intensive English Proficiency Course

This programme is designed to train participants in the four core skills of listening, reading, writing and speaking. Throughout the programme, participants will engage in different tasks which include practices especially in the areas of reading and vocabulary development.

## **PROGRAMME DATES**

8 May – 23 June 2023 7 August – 22 September 2023 16 October – 1 December 2023

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE**

1 March 2023

# **ELIGIBILITY**

- Applications are open to citizens of ASEAN.
- Applicants must be within the age range of 20 35 years.
- Applicants must possess a minimum qualification of a post-secondary school certificate.

• Applicants must be certified to be medically fit to undertake the scholarship and to study at UBD-FPT Global Centre in Da Nang, Vietnam by a qualified medical practitioner who is registered with any Government Authorities prior to arrival in Da Nang, Vietnam. All costs incurred in obtaining this certification are to be borne by the applicants.

• Applicants must have completed the full course of COVID-19 vaccination under the World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (1 dose for Johnson and Johnson or 2 doses for all other vaccines). Applicants are also encouraged to take booster vaccination.

# **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### Programme 1: Professional Communications in English

Applicants with an English proficiency level of an IELTS score of at least 5.0 - 5.5 or equivalent.

#### Programme 2: Intensive English Proficiency Course

Applicants with an English proficiency level of an IELTS score of at least 4.5 - 5.0 or equivalent.

### In some, but not all cases, applicants may be required to sit for an English Proficiency Test (EPT) and they will be contacted by UBD-FPT Global Centre.

## THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship is sponsored by the Government of Brunei Darussalam and includes the following:

- Programme Fees;
- A return economy class airfare from an ASEAN country's main city to Da Nang (Vietnam);
- Per diem allowance for the whole duration of the 7-week programme;
- Accommodation in Da Nang for the whole duration of 7-week the programme;
- Health insurance with COVID-19 coverage for the whole duration of the 7week programme.

# HOW TO APPLY:



## **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- ⇒ Please fill in all the mandatory fields. You will not be able to save or submit the application if any of the fields are missed.
- ⇒ Please ensure applicant's e-mail address is stated correctly. An application code will be sent to this e-mail address provided after saving (to submit later) or submission of the application form.
- $\Rightarrow$  Electronic documents required to be uploaded with the application are as follows:
  - ◊ Certified true copy of passport with valid international travel of 6 months;
  - ◊ Certified true copies of highest academic qualifications achieved; and
  - Certified true copies of highest English proficiency qualification achieved (IELTS, TOEFL etc.)
  - A copy of COVID-19 Vaccination or Immunisation Record
- $\Rightarrow$  Applicants are reminded to click 'SUBMIT' upon completion of the application.
- $\Rightarrow$  Applicants must submit the application before the closing date.
- ⇒ Applications will not be considered and will be rendered void for failure to submit a fully completed application form by the due date ('saved' applications will **NOT** be processed).
- $\Rightarrow$  Incomplete forms or forms with no supporting documents will **NOT** be processed.
- ⇒ Upon acceptance to the Scholarship, **Health Declaration Form** will need to be submitted. Any and all costs which may be incurred for medical examination relating to this health declaration are to be borne by the participant.

## SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process involves careful, individual reading of each application and will be carried out by the selection committees comprising officials from UBD-FPT Global Centre and Brunei Darussalam.

## **CERTIFICATES**

Upon successful completion of the programme, participants will be awarded with a certificate of completion by the UBD-FPT Global Centre.

## **REGULATIONS**

Participants are required to comply with the following:

- Strictly observe programme schedules and NOT miss any training sessions and organised activities;
- Be available full-time to pursue their programme for 7 weeks without interruption;
- NOT to bring any member of their family and/or aide to Vietnam for the entire duration of the programme;
- NOT to engage in any political activities and/or any form of employment for profit or gain;

UBD reserves the right to terminate or revoke the Scholarship awarded to the participant as recommended by the UBD-FPT Global Centre or if deemed justifiable; for example if found guilty of misconduct or deemed medically unfit (as advised by an accredited physician) to meet the requirements of the programme. In such cases he is to leave Vietnam at his own expense.

The Scholarship may be terminated for failure to abide by any of the abovementioned regulations.

Should participants wish to withdraw from the Scholarship at any point during the Programme, they are obliged to repay the full cost of the Scholarship received to date and leave Vietnam at their own expense.

Participants will return to their respective home countries upon completion of the programme with immediate effect.



# VISA INFORMATION

- All regulations concerning immigration and entry visa into Vietnam are set by the Immigration Department of Vietnam and may be subject to change;
- Participants of the programme are to abide by all conditions pertaining to Vietnamese Visa and Immigration rules and regulations;
- FPT International Student Centre (FISEC) and/ or UBD-FPT Global Centre will assist participants in their visa application process to the Immigration Department of Vietnam. A Visa reference code will be provided to the participants once the visa application is approved. Participants may then present this Visa reference code with their passports to the Vietnamese Embassy/Consulate/Representative Office in their respective countries, for the visa to be issued, prior to their departure to Vietnam;
- Visa application will take a minimum of 21 working days to be processed;
- Any fees payable pertaining to the visa application/issuance will be at participant's own expense.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

#### **UBD-FPT GLOBAL CENTRE**

### FPT building, Road No. 1, An Don industrial zone, 593 Ngo Quyen, Son Tra district, Da Nang, Vietnam

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