

Appreciation Awards 2024

1. About the Awards

The Appreciation Award 2024 organised by MUPA aims to promote, recognise and reward excellence in graduate research (GR) supervision and support at Monash University Malaysia (MUM) as nominated by research postgraduates (Master and PhD).

The Appreciation Award 2024 is exclusively student-driven. This nomination process provides an opportunity for postgraduate students to show appreciation to their supervisors for being exceptional. The awards winners will be announced on 20 th October 2024 and will receive a ceremonial plaque and a secret gift. All supervisors, non-academic, and student nominees will be invited to attend the award ceremony with the PVC, the Head of School of the selected winners, and other executive members of Monash University Malaysia who support the awards.

2. Eligibility

- Open to postgraduate students (Master's and PhD) at Monash University Malaysia who have completed at least candidature of confirmation / mid-candidature review.
- Candidates must have exhibited outstanding academic performance and strong academic commitment to their studies.
- Nominees should have actively contributed to the academic community through leadership roles, collaborations, or other notable engagements.

3. Award Categories: Postgraduate students outstanding

4. Nomination Criteria and Guidelines

Nominees will be assessed based on the information provided in the nomination form and against the following criteria:

5. OUTSTANDING POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Description:

The Outstanding Postgraduate Student Award aims to recognize and appreciate postgraduate students at Monash University Malaysia who have demonstrated exceptional academic performance, leadership, and contributions to their academic community. This award celebrates students who have excelled in their studies and have shown dedication and potential for future success in their chosen fields.

Selection Criteria

Academic Excellence

- Demonstrated outstanding performance in coursework, exams, and research projects.
- Consistent high-quality work and achievements throughout the postgraduate program.
- Academic awards or recognitions.

Leadership and Engagement

- Demonstrated leadership qualities within academic or extracurricular activities (optional).
- Active participation in student organizations, clubs, or academic committees (optional).
- Contributions to fostering a supportive and inclusive academic community.

Research or Project Contributions

- Notable contributions to research projects or significant advancements in the field.
- Research outcomes such as publications, presentations, or patents.
- Originality and innovation in the approach to research or project work.

Professional Development

- Engaging in professional development activities such as workshops, conferences, or industry collaborations.
- Demonstrated commitment to acquiring and refining essential skills for their field of study.
- Involvement in teaching assistance, lab demonstrations, internships, industry placements, and/or relevant work experience.

- Cover letter from the students for award

6. APPRECIATION RECOGNITION TO ALL MUPA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Description:

The appreciation recognition is a special tribute dedicated to the esteemed members of the MUPA Executive Committee, acknowledging their selfless and dedicated efforts in serving the organization. This recognition is a token of gratitude for their valuable contributions, unwavering commitment, and tireless dedication.

Eligibility

- All members of the MUPA Executive Committee are eligible for this Appreciation Recognition.

Criteria

- The Appreciation Recognition will be based on the following criteria:

Voluntary Contribution

- Demonstrated voluntary participation in the MUPA Executive Committee.
- Active involvement in committee meetings, discussions, and decision-making processes.
- Dedication of time and effort towards advancing the objectives and initiatives of the organization.

Leadership and Initiative

- Displayed leadership qualities within the committee and the ability to inspire and motivate others.
- Taking the initiative in proposing and implementing innovative ideas and projects.
- Contributions towards the growth and success of MUPA through effective management and organizational skills.

Collaboration and Teamwork

- Exhibited a collaborative spirit by working harmoniously with other committee members.

- Engaged in cooperative efforts to achieve shared goals and objectives.
- Fostered a supportive and inclusive environment within the committee.

Impact and Results

- Demonstrated tangible outcomes and achievements resulting from their contributions.
- Contributions that have positively influenced the MUPA community or its stakeholders.
- Advancement of MUPA's mission and objectives through their voluntary work.

5. Number of Final Awards: $7 + 22 = 29$

6. Judge Panel

The evaluation and selection of winners for students will be conducted by an independent committee.

Students are encouraged to submit an application, including their CV and a motivation letter outlining why they are the ideal candidate for this award, to mupa.president@monash.edu. The panel members will follow the assessment process outlined below:

Step 1: The school will assign total marks to a specific students

Step 2: Panel members will provide scores for each section of the questionnaires. Each questionnaire item will be evaluated using a 5-point Likert scale to assess student performance and quality. The scale ranges from 0 (Highly unsatisfactory) to 5 (Exceptional).

Step 3: Panel members will calculate the total score and categorize the nominees accordingly in their respective categories.

Step 4: The completed assessments will be sent back to us via mail.

By following this process, the independent committee will evaluate and select the winners of the interdisciplinary academic staff awards.

7. Appreciation Awards 2024

Procedure	Date
Call for nominations	17th September (8:00 am) – 26th September (5.00 pm) 2024
Evaluation of nominees	27th September- 7th October 2024
Council review	20th October 2024
Awards giving ceremony	15th November 2024

Thank you