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RESEARCH AREAS
Business and Management | Public Administration | Hospitality Management | Banking Management | Micro Credits | Macro Credits | International Management | Small Business | Economics | Educational Management | Public Policy | Public Management | International Relations | Islamic Banking and Finance | Islamic Insurance | and any other Business and Management related research areas

AUDIT SUBJECTS
Research Methodology | Quantitative Data Analysis | Qualitative Data Analysis

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (PhD in ICT)

RESEARCH AREAS

AUDIT SUBJECTS
Research Methodology | Quantitative Data Analysis | Qualitative Data Analysis

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ARTS (PhD in Arts)

RESEARCH AREAS
History | Philosophy | Law | Economics | Gender Studies | Political Science | Sociology | Media Studies | Environmental Studies

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION (PhD in Edu)

RESEARCH AREAS
Curriculum & Instruction
Teaching and learning theory, curricular designs, school improvement, student achievement, social science subjects, nursing education, teacher education and reflective practices.

Educational Psychology
Cognitive development, learning & metacognition, personality, attitudes & beliefs behaviour modification and counselling.

Instructional Technology
Computer-mediated communication, computer-based instruction, web-based learning, instructional systems design and collaborative online learning.

Language & Literacy
Discourse analysis, language & gender, teaching reading & writing, critical literacies, bilingual education, literature.

Mathematics & Science Education
Children learning of mathematics and science, misconceptions in science, problem solving in mathematics, constructivism & mathematics, technology in teaching mathematics & science, numeracy issues.

Educational Management & Leadership
Interrelated societal and organisation dimensions of educational institutions, undertake research in policy, bureaucracy & devolution, professional development, leadership.

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INDUSTRIAL DOCTORATE (IndD)

AeU IndD is a professional doctorate, specifically designed for working adults whose contributions to the industry are of significance for the advancement of knowledge and skills to warrant a doctoral qualification.

DISSERTATION BY PORTFOLIO
Industrial doctorate dissertation by portfolio consists of:
Portfolios (a collection of reports of projects), and a dissertation of (not exceeding) 60,000 words (argument made, the intellectual and conceptual glue that holds the portfolio together).

THE PHD JOURNEY

SELECTION & ADMISSION OF STUDENT
Only students who meet entry requirements will be admitted in selected areas of research where expertise is available to supervise the students.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL DEFENSE
Students are not required to submit a research proposal for admission purpose. They will be under the guidance of the Supervisor or advisor to prepare and present the research proposal in a forum attended by faculty members and 2 External Assessors to ensure the research is current and adequate as a PhD programme. This is normally held within 12 months after the registration date. On the basis of the Research Proposal Defense, the student’s performance is evaluated and a decision is taken about continuing the programme.

CAPABILITY OF STUDENTS
Capability of students in doing research is closely monitored by the supervisor and the School of Graduate Studies (SGS). Both students and supervisors are required to submit a progress report every 6 months. Research data are collected, results produced and analysed during a Field work period of one to two years. This phase of the programme consists of intensive thinking and writing in consultation with the student’s supervisor(s).

EXAMINATION OF THESIS
International benchmarking is being applied in the evaluation of PhD thesis. These include examination of thesis by 1 internal examiner and 2 external examiners, followed by Viva Voce and the examiners’ reports to be approved by the University Senate.

GUIDANCE AND MONITORING OF RESEARCH PROGRESS
Students are required to have frequent consultations with their supervisor(s) for guidance and advice. In addition, SGS will organise colloquia, seminars, research clinics and course works are made available to students to improve their knowledge and research skills. As part of the formative assessment, capability of students in doing research is closely monitored by the supervisor and the Dean of SGS. Both students and supervisors are required to submit progress reports every 6 months. This will assess students’ knowledge, critical thinking, practical, technical, professional, scientific and problem-solving skills.

"It was a pleasure to come to AeU again, and I am proud to be an adjunct member of the Faculty."