AeU aspires to be a research-based institution

Aside from that, it helps to create rapport between the supervisors and their respective students in the learning process. To ensure standards are maintained and improved from time to time, the university also appoints external examiners to moderate the postgraduate programmes. AeU’s School of Graduate Studies shines as a one-stop centre for postgraduate study and research opportunities. besides organising courses, compiling databases and monitoring them throughout. Prof Dr Siow says students are not required to submit research proposals for quality, but they will be coached to become talented researchers in their respective fields. "AeU’s business administration programmes are a big hit and the number of postgraduate students has been promising. Our main role is to ensure that students graduate on time so each of them will be given a supervisor who will keep them on track. We develop a timeline for the students, and then we monitor and motivate them. Basically we hold their hands until they graduate."

He said this is necessary as most adult learners are usually motivated at the beginning of the course but lag behind after a period of time which causes them to take a long time to complete their studies. The university offers programmes that vary from diploma to masters and doctorates. There are three types of postgraduate courses namely research only, coursework and research coursework only. Postgraduate degrees by research help students to independently undertake a sustained and in-depth study on a specific topic under the guidance of one or more supervisors to produce a thesis. A Masters degree and doctorate can only be obtained by research. The coursework and research approach requires students to complete a number of credit hours of coursework. Upon completion of the coursework, students can undertake work on a research project that leads to the submission of a dissertation for examination.

For postgraduate studies by coursework, students need to regularly attend lectures and tutorials through face-to-face learning or the e-learning model, or both, where assessment is based on assignments, quizzes, presentations and case studies submission. The school helps each postgraduate student by coordinating and managing their research work.

The programmes at the university are conducted in collaboration with the industry to gain valuable and current input during the study period and help meet the demands of the industry with a pool of talented graduates. AeU is a preferred distance learning option as it provides flexibility, affordability and quality. Its main campus, which is located in the city centre, is easily accessible via public and private transport.

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