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# AeU coaches, motivates students to succeed

VISIONARY, enriching and certainly engaging. These are the elements that make the School of Graduate Studies at the Asia e University (AeU) stand out.

Compared with many institutions offering distance learning programmes, AeU not only allows students to pursue their dreams but pushes and motivates them until their dreams are realised.

AeU's School of Graduate Studies shines as a one-stop centre promoting postgraduate study and research opportunities besides organising courses, compiling databases and monitoring them throughout.

Its dean, Prof Dr Siow Heng Loke, says students are not required to submit research

proposals to qualify but rather coaches them to become talented researchers in their respective fields.

"Our business administration programmes are a big hit and the number of postgraduate students has been very promising," adds Siow.

The university offers programmes that vary from diplomas to masters and doctorates. There are three types of postgraduate courses namely by research only, by coursework and research and by 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. Masters degrees and doctorates can both 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 mode, or both, where assessment is based on assignments, quizzes,

presentations and case studies submissions. The school helps each postgraduate student by coordinating and managing their research work.

The university also conducts research methodology and data analysis workshops and colloquia to facilitate research work for students. Students are coached every step of the way from the point of determining the focus of their research proposal to preparing, submitting and defending it.

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