AeU’s industrial doctorate programme

The objective of the postgraduate programme is to establish cooperation among the university, industry and the researcher, on specific research projects that are of high value to industry and the relevant parties. The IndD candidate is employed by the industry and at the same time is enrolled at AeU.

The programme is highly flexible and is able to accommodate candidates from all levels of management. It is a four-year part-time programme where candidates have the opportunity to spend most of their time carrying out the research at their respective organisation.

The programme includes research workshops, research colloquia and research clinics to assist students in their research development.

“The Industrial Doctorate programme is ideal for me as an industrial practitioner as I can focus on the research conducted in my workplace.”

This programme also allows me to combine my expertise in academic research and working knowledge to come up with innovative solutions that are applicable for the industry,” says Tan Teluk Cheong, an Industrial Doctorate student of AeU.

AeU’s Graduate School dean Prof Slow Heng Loke said the programme is unique in nature and is based on the PhD model with a slant towards industry-based research. As students conduct their research at their workplace, they will have at least two supervisors, one from AeU and the other, from industry. Upon successful completion of their studies, just like the traditional approach, they will receive the Industrial Doctorate degree.

Established in 2007, AeU has grown to become a leading provider of ODL in Malaysia. It has a diverse and international community of more than 100 fellow doctoral students from over 30 countries.

The university today has an enrolment of more than 15,000 students internationally in 56 countries, and has graduated over 5,000 graduates thus far.

The university offers more than 40 academic programmes at all levels, ranging from diplomas to PhDs through five schools, namely the School of Management, School of Education & Cognitive Sciences, School of Information & Communications Technology, School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences, and School of Graduate Studies.

In facilitating publishing and research, the university has established the Knowledge Centre which is both physical and digital libraries.

Regarded as one of the most comprehensive online libraries in the country, it serves as a custodiation of a wide range of resources in print and online format from all over the world, encompassing more than 7,000 titles of printed books and over 100,000 e-books, 75,000 e-journals and 1.6 million e-theses titles.

The university offers various financial aids and incentives, and these include the AeU Merit Scholarship for top-performing students, 10% discount available through student loyalty schemes, 10% discount for full payment of semester fees, 50% discount for senior citizens (who are 55 years of age and above) and 75% discount for disabled people.

The university also assists students to apply for PTPTN loans, EFP withdrawals, MyBrain sponsorship (for Doctoral & Master’s degree only) and Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF).