

MGRC Therapeutics Partners with IMU University to Launch Graduate Trainee Programme

Empowering the Next Generation of Genomics and Biopharmaceutical Professionals

PETALING JAYA, 31 JULY 2024 – **Malaysian Genomics Resource Centre Berhad** (“MGRC” or “the Group”), a leading genomics and biopharmaceutical specialist, via **MGRC Therapeutics Sdn. Bhd.** (“MGRC Therapeutics”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group, is pleased to collaborate with the **IMU University**, a premier private higher education institution, on its **Graduate Trainee Programme**. This initiative focuses on fostering industry education excellence and training the next generation of healthcare professionals.

IMU University, renowned for its commitment to producing excellent practitioners, sees this collaboration as a vital step in ensuring their graduates are well-prepared for the competitive job market. With over 30 years of dedicated focus in healthcare education, **IMU University holds the distinction of being the initial private medical university to attain self-accreditation status from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) and has received SETARA’s highest accolade for the third consecutive time.**

The Graduate Trainee Programme offers IMU graduates from the Bachelor of Applied Science (Hons) in Medical Biotechnology and Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Biomedical Science an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the genomics and biopharmaceutical industry. **Selected graduates will benefit from a holistic career pathway leveraging MGRC’s extensive ecosystem.** This programme demonstrates the synergy between academia and industry, ensuring curriculum relevancy and early talent development.

The participants will receive mentorship from industry experts, exposure to cutting-edge technologies, and involvement in groundbreaking research projects. The programme is designed to cultivate essential skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, and innovative thinking, preparing graduates for leadership roles in their future careers. It serves as a training ground for students, offering a smooth transition to the workforce with the possibility of full employment based on performance.



Azri Azerai, Executive Chairman of Malaysian Genomics ([Link](#))

Azri Azerai, Executive Chairman of Malaysian Genomics highlighted the significance of this initiative, stating, “This collaboration with IMU University reflects our dedication to nurturing young talent and supporting the development of future leaders in the genomics and biopharmaceutical sectors. By providing practical training and career opportunities, we are not only contributing to the personal and professional growth of these graduates but also reinforcing our commitment to sustainable and responsible business practices.”



Professor Gerard George,
Group Managing Director
of IMU University ([Link](#))

Professor Gerard George, Group Managing Director of IMU University added on the partnership, saying, “We are delighted to collaborate with MGRC on this Graduate Trainee Programme. This initiative is a testament to our ongoing commitment to providing our students with the best possible start to their careers. By partnering with a leading industry player like MGRC, we can ensure that our graduates are equipped with the practical skills and industry knowledge necessary to excel in the rapidly evolving fields of genomics and biopharmaceuticals.”

This collaboration underscores MGRC’s commitment to social responsibility and governance. By investing in education and professional training, MGRC aims to enhance workforce competency, develop a skilled workforce capable of driving future innovations in genomics and biopharmaceuticals, and promote sustainable development. Additionally, it strengthens community engagement by building strong relationships with academic institutions and the community to support educational and professional growth.

This initiative represents MGRC’s proactive approach to integrating ESG principles into its core operations, ensuring that the Group not only achieves business success but also contributes positively to society.

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ABOUT MALAYSIAN GENOMICS RESOURCE CENTRE BERHAD

Malaysian Genomics Resource Centre Berhad (“MGRC” or “the Group”) is a leading genomics and biopharmaceutical company based in Southeast Asia. The Group was established in 2004 and listed on the Bursa Malaysia stock exchange in 2010. From pioneering work in genome sequencing, bioinformatics analysis, and genetic screening services, MGRC has expanded into the biopharmaceutical sector with the manufacturing of cell therapies including immunotherapy for various types of cancer.

Utilising its high-throughput sequencing lab, advanced microarray facility, and new state-of-the-art cell processing lab, the Group is committed to improving access to the latest in precision and personalised healthcare solutions to improve the lives of patients.

For more information, visit www.mgrc.com.my.

ABOUT IMU UNIVERSITY

Welcome to IMU, where possibilities are limitless, and education knows no bounds.

Our journey of evolution started in 1992, when Malaysia’s first global medical partnership programme was founded, reshaping Malaysia’s medical education landscape. This groundbreaking initiative gave Malaysian students the opportunity to begin their journey locally before venturing to one of five renowned Partner Medical Schools (PMS) across the globe. Since then, IMU has transcended its initial roots, establishing partnerships with over 35 esteemed universities worldwide—from Australia, Canada, China, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom to the United States of America.

Today, we continue to push boundaries and go beyond the traditional confines of healthcare. At IMU, we believe that healthcare encompasses a broader spectrum of compassion, personalised care, and community well-being. Guided by the One Health vision, we embark on a paradigm shift, integrating human, animal, and environmental health into a unified approach. With this progressive outlook, IMU is boldly expanding its repertoire of medical and health science programmes with non-science programmes, to encompass the dynamic intersections of human, animal, and environmental health.

Our new vision for the future underscores our dedication to transcend boundaries, inspire new possibilities, and empower the next generation of global leaders. We are here to elevate passion through the power of education, and help every dream become a reality.

For more information please visit IMU website at www.imu.edu.my or its blog at <http://imunews.imu.edu.my>.

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