

# ABSTRACT

## ENHANCING GLOBAL EXPERIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION THROUGH UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MODULE OF IMU BPHARM PROGRAMME

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A research module or Final Year Project (FYP) is usually a requirement or condition for most the honours degree at the undergraduate level. The student will have to conduct a research or project which the process includes preparation of the proposal, literature review, identifying the problems and building hypotheses. It is then followed by experiments and analyzing the data and from there, the discussion and conclusion with recommendations will be constructed. All these are then recorded in the form of a short thesis or dissertation. This module is considered important in pharmacy education where it promotes critical thinking, communication and research skills of pharmacy students.

In the BPharm curriculum International Medical University (IMU) School of Pharmacy, Malaysia, this research module is structurally designed for the whole semester in the final year of the programme without other modules associated. With this structure, the students can focus on completing this module without engaging with other modules or classes. This gives students and the supervisor or principal researcher the to choose to conduct the research outside the institution, for example in the research laboratories abroad, depending on the collaboration available between the principal researcher and the collaborator abroad.

In this presentation, the IMU experience in providing our students gaining global experiences through research placements in some countries will be shared.

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