

# Malaysia

## Affordable Quality & Top University Guide

Malaysia is the most overlooked study destination for Pakistani students — and one of the best kept secrets in international education. With the University of Malaya ranked #58 in the world (QS 2026), tuition fees a fraction of UK or Australia costs, fully English-medium programs, and a culturally familiar Muslim-majority environment, Malaysia offers exceptional value. International branch campuses of Monash, Nottingham, and Southampton — with the same degree as their home country — are available at significantly lower cost.

### GLOBAL RANKING & REACH

<b>Top 25</b> QS Higher Ed System Ranking	<b>Top 30</b> Times Higher Ed Country Ranking	<b>170,000+</b> International Students/yr	<b>~15,000</b> Pakistani Students Currently Studying
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### WHY STUDY IN MALAYSIA?

- ✓ University of Malaya ranked #58 world — QS 2026's biggest Southeast Asian performer
- ✓ Tuition fees 60–70% cheaper than UK/Australia for equivalent programs
- ✓ Fully English-medium — no language barrier whatsoever for Pakistani students
- ✓ Muslim-majority country — culturally and socially very comfortable environment
- ✓ International branch campuses: get a Monash/Nottingham/Southampton degree at Malaysian costs
- ✓ Sunway University: biggest climber in QS 2026 globally — rose 120+ places

### TOP UNIVERSITIES — RANKINGS, FEES & BENEFITS

University	City	QS Rank	Tuition / yr	Scholarship / Benefit
University of Malaya (UM)	Kuala Lumpur	#58 World	MYR 15,000–35,000/yr	Malaysia's #1 — top for Engineering, Medicine, Law, Computer Science
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)	Bangi	#126 World	MYR 12,000–28,000/yr	Strong in Biosciences, Engineering, Social Sciences; research-intensive
Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)	Serdang	#134 World	MYR 12,000–26,000/yr	Top for Agriculture, Environmental Science, Biomedical Engineering
Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)	Penang	#134 World	MYR 11,000–25,000/yr	APEX University — top for pharmaceutical sciences & engineering
Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM)	Johor Bahru	#171 World	MYR 12,000–27,000/yr	Malaysia's top technical university — Engineering, IT, Built Environment

University	City	QS Rank	Tuition / yr	Scholarship / Benefit
Monash University Malaysia	Subang Jaya	#36 World (Monash)	MYR 40,000–65,000/yr	Official Monash degree at ~40% less than Australian campus cost
University of Nottingham Malaysia	Semenyih	#97 World (Nottingham)	MYR 35,000–55,000/yr	Full UK Nottingham degree — Engineering, Business, Law at lower cost
Taylor's University	Subang Jaya	#351 World	MYR 30,000–50,000/yr	Best private uni for Hospitality, Business, Architecture — strong employer links
Sunway University	Subang Jaya	#QS 2026 Biggest Climber	MYR 25,000–45,000/yr	Rose 120+ places in QS 2026 — fastest growing private university in Asia
UCSI University	Kuala Lumpur	#Top 30 Asia (private)	MYR 20,000–40,000/yr	Top for Music, Culinary Arts, Health Sciences — strong industry connections

## SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING — COMPLETE BREAKDOWN

### Malaysian International Scholarship (MIS)

#### FULL FUNDING

Coverage: Full tuition + MYR 3,500/month living allowance + health insurance + flights

Who: Masters & PhD — apply via Malaysia Education hub | Awarded by: Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education

### Monash International Merit Scholarship

#### PARTIAL TO FULL

Coverage: 25%–100% tuition reduction for high-achieving international students

Who: Undergrad & Masters — strong A Level / IGCSE results required | Awarded by: Monash University Malaysia

### UM International Scholarship

#### PARTIAL

Coverage: Tuition waiver + monthly allowance for top international students

Who: Masters & PhD at University of Malaya | Awarded by: University of Malaya

### Taylor's Excellence Scholarship

#### PARTIAL

Coverage: Up to 100% tuition waiver for outstanding O/A Level results

Who: Undergrad — O/A Level students with A\* grades | Awarded by: Taylor's University

### HEC Malaysia Scholarship

#### FACILITATION

Coverage: HEC Pakistan coordinates slots at Malaysian universities for Pakistani students

Who: All levels — apply via [hec.gov.pk](http://hec.gov.pk) | Awarded by: HEC Pakistan

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	Details
A Level / IGCSE Results	Minimum ABB at A Level; IGCSE accepted directly for most programs
IELTS	5.5–6.0 for most universities; 6.5 for top programs at UM
SPM Equivalency	O Level / IGCSE directly equivalent to Malaysia's SPM qualification

Requirement	Details
Personal Statement	Required for scholarship applications and competitive programs
Recommendation Letters	1–2 references for Masters applications
Medical Report	Some universities require a basic health clearance form
Application Portal	Direct university websites — each has own online application

## KEY DEADLINES & TIMELINE

Milestone	When	Notes
March / April Intake	January–February	Second intake — limited programs available
September / October Intake	May–July	Main intake — widest program availability
Malaysian Student Visa	After acceptance letter	eVAL system — processed by university
MIS Scholarship	March–April annually	Via Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education
Monash Scholarship	September–October	For February intake; February–March for July
Proof of Funds Required	MYR 30,000+/yr	Required for student visa application

## PAKISTANI QUALIFICATION EQUIVALENCY

Pakistani Qualification	Equivalent	Notes
A Level (Cambridge)	Directly equivalent to Malaysian STPM — fully accepted	No conversion needed
IGCSE / O Level	Directly equivalent to Malaysia's SPM qualification	Most recognized qualification
Pakistani Matric	Accepted alongside O Level for foundation programs	Attach attested copies
Pakistani CGPA (Masters)	Accepted with official transcripts	WES or direct university evaluation

## PRO TIPS FOR PAKISTANI STUDENTS

1. A Level and IGCSE results from Pakistan are perfectly aligned with Malaysian university entry requirements — you have a natural advantage.
2. Monash Malaysia and Nottingham Malaysia offer the exact same degree as their home campuses at ~40% less cost.
3. University of Malaya (UM) at #58 in QS 2026 is genuinely world-class — don't underestimate it because of the location.
4. Living costs in Malaysia are among the lowest of any English-medium study destination — KL costs 50-60% less than Melbourne.

5. Sunway University rose 120+ places in QS 2026 — it is rapidly becoming one of Asia's most recognized private universities.