


Bridging the Gap: Pre-Doctoral Bridging Programme



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Opportunity

- Existing collaborations with British Council in Indonesia
- Develop and professionalise HEI staff within their Universities to Doctorate level
- Maximise retention and completion rates



Purpose and Structure

- Introduce potential applicants to the demands of doctoral study and the expectations of them
- Acclimatise to UK HEI system
- Introduction to Research Ethics and Integrity
- Opportunity to meet with potential Research Supervisors and Research Centres, meet other PhD Candidates in developing research proposal
- Provides exit route for those who decide that Doctoral Study is not for them



Importance

- Build on key Research Themes into cohort based model
- Applicants have the opportunity to develop a research proposal with potential lead supervisor into research project
- Establish supervisor/PhD candidate relationship early



Square pegs and round holes



Expectations against reality

- Sponsor expectations
- Applicant wishes
- University Regulation restrictions
- Reception from potential supervisors
- Ability and willingness



Moving forward

- What works and what doesn't
- Earlier communication on research areas and entry requirements
- Position ourselves in the market - expand and develop to other ASEAN region countries
- Offer fixed points during the academic year
- Add on components: Pre Sessional English, Academic Writing etc.





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