

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)
MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP)
SCHOLARSHIP 2026/2027

- 1. Is the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Scholarship the same as the Malaysian International Scholarship (MIS) Scholarship?**

No. MTCP Scholarship is under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia, meanwhile, MIS Scholarship is a different scholarship programme under the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia.

- 2. Can I apply for both the MTCP Scholarship and MIS Scholarship?**

Yes, you may apply for both the MTCP Scholarship and the MIS Scholarship. However, there is no guarantee of selection. MTCP Scholars are not permitted to have more than one sponsor.

- 3. Can I receive this scholarship for Undergraduate studies or PhD studies?**

No. This scholarship programme is only open for Master's degree studies.

- 4. Can I apply for the MTCP Scholarship for my second Master's degree?**

MTCP Scholarship prioritises first time Master's degree applicants.

- 5. Is it sufficient to only get the signature for my recommendation letter?**

No. The recommendation letter must include an official stamp from the recommender's organization/institution, along with the signature.

- 6. Who can be the referees for my Letter of Recommendation?**

Referees must have the authority to assess your academic or professional performance. They should also be able to comment on your potential and suitability for the MTCP Scholarship/ programme applied. Eligible referees include lecturers, academic supervisors or immediate superiors. Family members, relatives and close friends are strictly prohibited.

- 7. Can I use my own Recommendation Letter or must I use the MTCP Recommendation Letter?**

Applicants are encouraged to use the standard MTCP Recommendation Letter template, as provided. Alternatively, a personal recommendation letter may be

submitted, provided it includes the recommender's official stamp. Please ensure the letter is dated within the last six months.

8. Can I use my own medical report form from the clinic or must I use the MTCP Medical Report Form?

Applicants are advised to use the MTCP Medical Form. You may use your own medical report form, provided that it is certified with the official clinic seal and that the date of the examination is not more than six months old.

9. I applied for the MTCP scholarship last year but was not selected. If I reapply for this year, will my application be considered?

All applications are treated as fresh applications. If your application meets the requirements stated, it will be accepted for consideration.

10. Do I need to apply to the university and obtain the admission letter first before applying for the MTCP Scholarship?

Interested applicants **must** secure a place in a Malaysian public university or government-linked university **before submitting** the scholarship application. A valid **full offer letter** from one of the listed universities is required for scholarship award.

11. What do I do if I am unable to secure a Full Offer Letter from the university before the application deadline?

If you have not yet received a Full Offer Letter at the time of submission, you may proceed to upload the Conditional Offer Letter/ proof of university application.

12. Can I apply this year using the 2025/2026 admission letter that I had received last year from the public university in Malaysia?

No. However, you may proceed with your application if your university offer letter remains valid for the first semester of the 2026/2027 session. Alternatively, you may submit a formal deferment letter issued by the university.

13. Does the Supporting Letter from my supervisor count as the University Offer Letter?

No.

14. Does the MTCP Scholarship cover the application fee of the university?

No. All application fees are borne entirely by the applicant. Please note that university application fees and registration fees serve different purposes at different stages of the enrolment process. For the purpose of this scholarship, you are only required to apply to the programme, not register for the semester.

Consequently, the MTCP Scholarship Secretariat shall not be held liable for any fees incurred should an applicant be unsuccessful in the selection process. These costs remain the responsibility of the individual, regardless of the scholarship outcome.

15. Does the scholarship cover the cost for visa application and related expenses?

No.

16. I received my offer letter after the deadline of the application. Can I still submit my application?

No. Applications that do not include all required documents within the specified application period will not be considered. Please note that additional document submissions are **not permitted** after the deadline.

17. I have submitted the application, what's next?

The application will be processed by the MTCP Secretariat. **Only shortlisted applicants will be invited for an online interview session via email.**

Your application is considered unsuccessful if you did not receive a **call for interview by 6 July 2026**. You may also login into the application system from time to time to check on the status of the application.

18. How many Malaysian universities can I apply to?

Applicants may apply to any number of Malaysian universities listed in the official "**List of Universities Supported by the MTCP Scholarship**". However, you are required to upload only **one (1) valid full offer letter** from a supported university to complete your application.

Please note that once the application is submitted, a change of programme or university is not allowed.

19. When can I expect to be called for the interview session?

Please be informed that only shortlisted applicants will be notified for the interview via email **by 6 July 2026**.

20. Can I stay in Malaysia once my scholarship has ended?

The MTCP Scholarship helps students gain the knowledge and skills needed to support the development of their home countries. The scholarship is for one Master's degree course of study in Malaysia only. After finishing the studies, **scholars are expected to return home** and apply what they have learned to contribute to their country's growth.

21. Can I do my Master's degree in Malaysia remotely, for example while living in my home country?

No. A mandatory requirement of this scholarship is that you **must be physically present** in Malaysia for the duration of your Master's degree.

22. Why is there a choice between 24 months and 36 months sponsorship duration?

The sponsorship duration depends on your chosen study track. A **24-month** duration is allocated for Coursework programmes, while a **36-month** duration is provided for Mixed-mode or Research programmes.

23. What if I finish my study less than the sponsorship period?

It is permissible to complete your studies early. MTCP Scholarship recipients must inform the MTCP Scholarship Secretariat at least three months prior to their expected completion date.

24. I have received my senate letter for my Bachelor's degree but I have yet to receive my full transcript & certificate. Can I apply for the scholarship?

Yes, you may still apply. While a Bachelor's degree transcript is mandatory, you may submit an unofficial transcript from your university if the final version is currently unavailable. Please ensure this document clearly reflects your final academic results.

25. I will finish my Bachelor's degree in September or October 2026. Am I eligible to apply for the scholarship?

No. You will have to apply for next year's scholarship.