



GUIDELINE FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA MATCHING GRANT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The UM Matching Grant is introduced in 2021 to align with UM's efforts to encourage researchers to conduct collaborative research with external parties, namely **the industries and international institutions, and subsequently obtaining research grants from private, industries and/or international agencies**. This is an opportunity to researchers to network with **industries and international partners**.

The UM Matching Grant is an incentive from UM's internal fund to researchers and will be given as a separate grant, either to support a portion of the project cost or complementary work to the project. Researchers who received private/industry/international research grants and are interested to apply for this UM Matching Grant must send in an application to the Centre of Research Grant Management (PPGP) by filling in the form that can be downloaded at the UM Research website. Approval of the application is subjected to panel's recommendation and UM's financial status.

2.0 OBJECTIVES

To encourage UM researchers to foster research collaboration with industries and/or international partners and bring external research grants from these private, industry and/or international agencies into UM.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

This grant is open to all UM researchers (permanent or contract) who have successfully obtained industrial or international research grants in the form of cash transacted into UM beginning 9 February 2021.

The grants must be credited to UM bank account and registered with the PPGP (RGMS). Donations, contributions, in-kinds and any research grants which do not register with PPGP are not eligible to apply for the UM Matching Grant. Clinical trial research and consultancy projects are also not eligible for this grant.

Researcher who receives Contract Research Grants from private/industry/international institutions are eligible to apply for the UM Matching Grant based on the allocation directly incurred to research only (honorarium to researcher are excluded). Researchers can apply

for UM Matching Grant only once for each project funded.

4.0 QUANTUM OF FUNDING

The quantum of the UM Matching Grant will be determined based on a 3: 1 ratio between the total funding received from private/industry/international sources and UM to a maximum amount of RM50,000 per project (for every RM3 from private/industry/international sources will be matched with RM 1 by UM to a maximum of RM50,000 per project).

If the main grant disbursement is done periodically (eg. yearly/progress), disbursement of the approved matching fund will be prorated accordingly based on actual amount received.

5.0 SCOPE OF FUNDING

The funding can be utilised for the following categories which are **directly related to the project**:

VOT	CATEGORIES	REMARKS
(V11000)	Wages and Allowances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary and Contract Personnel who are directly involved in project. 	
(V21000)	Travel and Transportation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A maximum of ONE overseas visit*/conference per year is allowed during the duration of the project. Only the project leader or a senior co-researcher (not student or research assistant or postdoc) is allowed for overseas trip. Travel is limited to economy class and as far as possible using the shortest direct routes. No virement of funds are allowed from other categories. *Visit is only allowed for meeting with collaborator or to collaborating institution/agency	
(V24000)	Rentals Rental expenses for building space, equipment, transportation and any other item directly related to the project	
(V27000)	Research Materials and Supplies Only expenses for research materials and supplies directly related to the project should be included.	

(V28000)	Minor Modifications and Repairs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only expenses for minor modifications and repairs of the equipment or any other item directly related to the project. (no renovation of lab/office spaces allowed) 	
(V29000)	Special Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes expenses for special services directly related to the project (such as consultancy, payment for enumerators, usage of computer facilities, chemical analysis and data processing). PI must provide TOR for the consultant hired in this project. The expenses for the international collaborators will not be borne under this Matching Grant. 	
(V35000)	Minor Equipment Only purchase of special equipment and accessories (including accessories to upgrade the capability of existing equipment) directly related to the project should be included.	Less than RM10,000 per equipment not more than 30% of grant).

6.0 PROJECT DURATION

- Requests for extensions for the use of the matching fund for complementary work must be made to the Associate Vice Chancellor (Research & Innovation) with justification and detailed information on research activities.

7.0 SELECTION CRITERIA OF THE PROJECT (Applicable to a complementary work)

- Complementary work to the project must be sound, technically feasible with achievable milestones, and has the potential for further development.
- Research competence: The research team must have good track records to successfully carry the research to completion with clear deliverables.

8.0 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF R&D EQUIPMENT

- All R&D equipment purchased under this grant will belong to the UM and equipment is not for the exclusive use of the researchers only but ought to be shared with other researchers within the UM.

9.0 EXPECTED DELIVERABLES (KPI)

- Researchers are expected to publish the results of their projects in **Q1 or Q2 WOS Indexed Journals**.
- All publications MUST have UM's affiliation and acknowledge this grant through the grant number.
- One (1) additional publication is expected for every RM25,000 received from the UM Matching Grants.
- For amounts received lower than RM25,000, alternative deliverables can be considered (example: one MSc student graduated, FYP dissertation, poster presentation, etc.)

10.0 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

10.1 Documents required

1. Application form
2. External grant offer letter
3. Agreement document for the collaboration (if applicable)
4. Full research proposal approved by the funder which contains the following information:
 - a. Full name of the University of Malaya's PI
 - b. Full amount of funding (including budget details)
 - c. Duration of the research project
 - d. Expected outcome
5. Budget details for both the main and the matching grant (as required in the Matching Grant form)

10.2 Submission

Application for the UM Matching Grant must be submitted to:

Head

Centre of Research Grant Management

Level 4, Research Management & Innovation

Complex University of Malaya

50603 Kuala Lumpur