

# UK Foundation Programme Guide

For Malaysians 2025

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A comprehensive guide designed specifically for Malaysian students and parents, providing expert insights into the top UK foundation programmes, popular pathways, and the application process for 2025.

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# Foreword

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A UK Foundation Course is a focused and efficient pathway designed for students who are ready to fast-track their academic journey. In just one year, you'll gain the knowledge and skills needed for university success, saving time and resources compared to A-levels or IB. Foundation courses are tailored to international students, offering targeted academic and language support without the stress of entrance exams.

What sets a foundation course apart is its practicality—it's not just faster and more affordable; it's a direct and strategic route to many of the UK's top universities. With guaranteed progression opportunities and a curriculum designed to prepare you for your chosen degree, this is a pathway for ambitious students who value efficiency and results.

Without further ado, let's explore our top recommendations for UK foundation programmes in the 2025 intake

Sincerely,

Ronald Mak  
Co-founder of Britannia Malaysia



***Ronald Mak***



# About **Britannia Malaysia**

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Since 2013, Britannia Malaysia has been committed to guiding Malaysian students towards achieving their UK educational dreams. With personalised, unbiased advice, we help families select the right schools or universities and offer full support throughout the application process—all at no cost. Thousands of students have trusted us to find their perfect fit. Here's how we can support you:



# About **Britannia Malaysia**

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## ***UK Foundation Programme and University Selection***

Get expert one-on-one guidance to choose the best foundation course or university for your child. Consultations are available in person, via Zoom, or over the phone.

## ***Application Support***

We handle all aspects of the application process, ensuring a smooth transition from Malaysia to the UK.

## ***Enrolment Preparation***

From English language tests like IELTS to visa applications, we help your child meet all requirements for their chosen course.

## ***Navigating the UK Education System***

The British education system can be complex. We provide clear, tailored advice to help you understand your options and make informed decisions.

# Overview Of UK Foundation Programmes

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UK foundation programmes have become a vital gateway for Malaysian students aspiring to study at prestigious, high-ranking universities. These programmes offer an affordable and accessible pathway to world-class education, allowing students to gain the qualifications and skills needed to meet undergraduate entry requirements. By bridging academic gaps and providing tailored support, foundation programmes ensure students are fully prepared to thrive in their chosen fields.

UK foundation programmes are known for their exceptional quality, integrating rigorous academic training with practical skills, career-focused learning, and mentorship opportunities. These programmes also cater specifically to the needs of international students, with small class sizes, dedicated support services, and enhanced resources, including online learning options. For many students, the guaranteed progression to undergraduate degrees at top UK universities adds significant value, offering a clear, structured route to success.

Choosing a UK foundation programme not only opens doors to prestigious institutions but also provides students with a strong return on investment. With the combination of affordability, academic excellence, and global recognition, these programmes set Malaysian students on a path to achieving their long-term academic and career ambitions, while positioning them competitively in the global job market.

# Foundation Programme Recommendations

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Our goal is to provide foundation programme recommendations that prioritise quality, affordability, and a diverse range of university options.



## FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

UNIVERSITY	PATHWAY	DURATION	FEES	NEXT INTAKE
Durham University	Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance	3 terms	£26,750	22 September 2025 - 26 June 2026
	Humanities, Law and Social Science	3 terms	£25,500	
	Science and Engineering	3 terms	£27,900	
Cardiff University	Arts, Humanities, Law and Social Sciences	2 semesters	£21,250	22 September 2025 - 12 June 2026
	Business, Economics, Accounting and Finance	2 semesters	£22,250	
	Engineering, Physical Sciences and Architecture	2 semesters	£23,250	
	Health, Medical and Life Sciences	2 semesters	£23,900	
The University of Leeds	Business, Law and Social Studies	2 semesters	£22,900	22 September 2025 - 22 May 2026
	Science, Engineering and Computing	2 semesters	£23,500	
The University of Sheffield	Business, Social Sciences and Humanities	2 semesters	£22,750 - £24,250	September 2025 - June 2026
	Science and Engineering	2 semesters	£22,750 - £24,250	



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UNIVERSITY	PATHWAY	DURATION	FEEES	NEXT INTAKE
The University of Manchester	Biosciences	3 terms	£26,995	8 September 2025 - 19 June 2026
	Humanities and Social Sciences	3 terms	£27,995	
	Mechanical and Electrical Engineering	3 terms	£26,995	
	Pharmacy	3 terms	£26,995	
	Maths and Computer Science	3 terms	£27,995	23 June 2025 - 3 July 2026
Newcastle University	Biomedicine, Biology and Pharmacy	3 terms	£22,495	22 September 2025 - 19 June 2026
	Business and Management	3 terms	£22,495	
	Science, Computing, Engineering and Mathematics	3 terms	£22,495	
Queen's University Belfast	Science and Engineering	3 terms	£18,250	15 September 2025 - 19 June 2026
	Architecture	3 terms	£19,900	
	Business, Humanities and Social Sciences	3 terms	£18,250	
University of Exeter	Exeter International Foundation (Exeter)	3 terms	£18,995	15 September 2025 - 19 June 2026

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UNIVERSITY	PATHWAY	DURATION	FEES	NEXT INTAKE
University of Nottingham	Business, Law and Social Sciences	2 terms	£22,450	September 2025 > May 2026
	Science and Engineering	2 terms	£24,650	
University of Liverpool	Business, Law and Social Sciences	2 terms	£21,980	September 2025 > May 2026
	Science and Engineering	2 terms	£23,540	
University of Bristol	Arts and Humanities	2 terms	£26,200	September 2025 > May 2026
	Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics	2 terms	£27,200	
	Social Sciences and Law	2 terms	£26,200	







# Application Process

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Students are advised to apply for foundation programmes and scholarships as early as possible, as deadlines vary and competition can be intense.

International students applying for foundation programmes should have a minimum IELTS score of around 5.5, with no individual component scoring below 5.0 (different universities have different requirements). Students without formal English qualifications may be required to complete an English language course before beginning their foundation studies. The standard documents and entry requirements include:

- IELTS score of 5.5 or equivalent
- Higher Secondary School Certificate
- Higher Secondary transcripts
- Scanned copies of passport and visa

Meeting these requirements ensures a strong application for foundation courses in the UK.





# Visa Application

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Malaysian students who wish to study in the UK full-time are required to apply for a Student Visa. Once you have the visa, you **do not need** to apply for the new Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) that comes into effect in 2025.

The visa required for full-time university students is the Tier 4 (General) Student Visa. The earliest you can apply for a visa is 6 months before you start your course. The visa fee is **£490**.

To apply, you can visit the official UK government website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/apply-online>

## **Want to avoid the hassle?**

Contact our Britannia study agents and we can assist you with every step of the visa application process. **You can also call or WhatsApp us at +6019-9917575.**

# Summary

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UK foundation programmes offer an exceptional pathway for Malaysian students to achieve their academic and career ambitions. By bridging the gap between local qualifications and the rigorous entry requirements of top UK universities, foundation courses provide a tailored, accessible, and affordable route to world-class education.

Our carefully curated recommendations highlight the best foundation programmes based on quality, affordability, and access to highly ranked institutions. Whether you're aspiring to study business, engineering, medicine, or the arts, these recommendations ensure you find a pathway that aligns with your academic goals and career aspirations.

If you require any further information, application assistance, help with student visas, or anything else related to studying in the UK, we encourage you to reach out to our **Britannia Education Consultants**.

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