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# FELLOWSHIP IN FORENSIC PATHOLOGY UiTM: TRAINING SPECIALISTS BEYOND BORDERS

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**T**he Department of Forensic Pathology at the Faculty of Medicine, UiTM became the third university in Malaysia to offer the Master of Pathology (Forensic Pathology) program, beginning with its first intake in 2022. Building on this postgraduate foundation, the department responded to international training needs by establishing the Postgraduate Fellowship in Forensic Pathology in 2024, a one year program conducted at UiTM Sungai Buloh and affiliated forensic departments. A milestone was reached in January 2025, when the first fellow from Sri Lanka successfully registered into the program and completing training in December 2025.

In some countries, newly qualified forensic medicine specialists are required by their certification boards to undergo additional supervised training at established centres abroad before being granted full specialist or consultant status<sup>1,2</sup>. Recognised within this postgraduate and fellowship training framework, Forensic Pathology UiTM has developed into a structured academic-service training platform for both local postgraduate candidates and international fellows. The



**AS** part of the fellowship, the trainee was placed at a Ministry of Health hospital to benefit from a diverse case mix and to assist in undergraduate teaching.

department’s strength lies in its integration of a university-based forensic pathology service, postgraduate teaching, academic supervision, forensic histopathology exposure, case-based discussion, medico-legal report writing, and expert opinion formulation. Conducted across UiTM Sungai Buloh and affiliated forensic departments, the fellowship provides supervised exposure to complex medico-legal casework within a supportive academic environment.

Malaysia’s diverse medico-legal case mix provides valuable comparative learning opportunities for international fellows, particularly those from jurisdictions with



different death-investigation systems. Through exposure to a range of sudden, traumatic, decomposed, hospital-related, paediatric and adult deaths, fellows are able to refine their forensic reasoning and consolidate competencies that complement their home-country specialist training. This attachment therefore supports the additional supervised experience required by their certification boards before they proceed towards independent specialist or consultant-level practice.

The fellowship also emphasises academic growth. Training fellows are encouraged to publish case reports and original articles to hone their scientific writing skills. They are also encouraged to participate in teaching and learning activities, as well as attend local or



**UiTM's** first program fellow at an International Congress of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine 2025 in Kuala Lumpur[A1.1][W1.2], and even walked away with a lucky draw prize.

international workshops, seminars and conferences in the country. This balance of clinical practice and scholarly activities ensures that their training is both practical and intellectually rewarding. The exchange of expertise between UiTM's Department of Forensic Pathology and international fellows enriches the institution by creating

opportunities for comparative learning across different death-investigation systems. International fellows contribute insights from their home-country practices, including variations in medico-legal procedures, certification requirements, autopsy protocols, report-writing conventions, courtroom expectations and inter-agency collaboration. In return, they gain exposure to Malaysia's forensic pathology practice, case mix, academic activities and postgraduate training environment.

For UiTM, hosting international fellows is a mark of distinction. It shows that the standards upheld by our department and faculty are trusted by overseas certification boards and valued by specialists who choose UiTM as their training centre. For

the fellows, their attachment at UiTM marks an important step toward consultant recognition in their home countries. Together, these experiences reflect UiTM's growing presence in forensic pathology education, where knowledge is shared, skills are refined, and future consultants are trained for excellence.

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