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STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE:

Faculty of Pharmacy Sets Sights on AKNC 2026

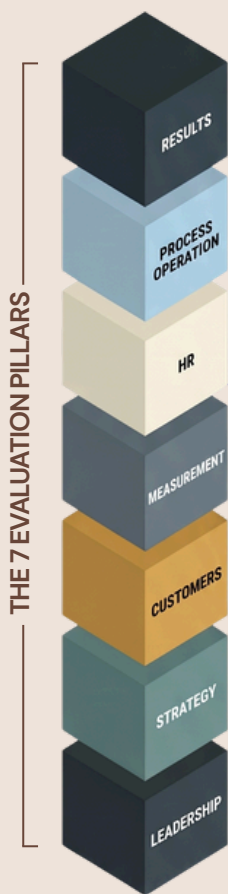
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The Anugerah Kualiti Naib Canselor (AKNC) stands as the pinnacle of quality recognition within Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). The award was originally established in 1996 as the Anugerah Kualiti ITM, founded by the ITM Rector and the Quality Assurance Unit. Following the institution's upgrade to university status, the award was rebranded to AKNC in 2000. This prestigious annual award celebrates Responsibility Centres (PTJ) that successfully embed a culture of excellence and quality in their performances and operations.

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THE FRAMEWORK FOUNDATION



ROOTED IN BALDRIGE EXCELLENCE

Evaluates departments based on seven critical criteria that have remained the global standard

A Legacy of Quality

THE i-AKNC DIGITAL WORKFLOW

2020 DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Launch of the i-AKNC system to ensure transparent and green-aligned evaluations.

THE 4P STREAMLINED CYCLE

Facilitates **Penulisan** (Writing), **Penilaian** (Assessment), **Pengesahan** (Verification), and **Penganugerahan** (Awarding).



The AKNC framework is rooted in the renowned Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award model. It evaluates departments based on seven critical criteria that have remained the standard for decades:

- Leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Customer Focus
- Measurement, Analysis, and Knowledge Management
- Human Resource Focus
- Process Operation
- Results

In 2020, the process underwent a digital transformation with the launch of the i-AKNC system. This platform streamlines the 4P process—Penulisan (Writing), Penilaian (Assessment), Pengesahan (Verification), and Penganugerahan (Awarding)—ensuring that evaluations are transparent, efficient, and aligned with sustainable green initiatives.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF THE FACULTY OF PHARMACY:

The Road to 2026

JOURNEY OF EXCELLENCE IN i-AKNC

The Faculty of Pharmacy has participated in i-AKNC since the award was first introduced, focusing on two main core areas (Bidang tumpuan).

Year	Focus Area	Achievements
2020-2021	Research, Publication & Commercialisation	Established a strong foundation in research excellence, publications and innovation commercialisation.
2022	Industry Linkages & Entrepreneurship	Overall AKNC Finalist WINNER Best Strategic Planning Criteria Writing
2023	Research, Publication & Commercialisation	Overall AKNC Finalist WINNERS • Best Leadership • Best Strategic Planning • Best Customer Focus • Best Human Resource Focus RUNNER-UP (2ND PLACE OVERALL) Faculty Category
2024	Research, Publication & Commercialisation	Continued strengthening research quality, publications and innovation excellence.
2025	Alumni, Community & Volunteer Engagement	WINNER Best Leadership Criteria This recognises our management's commitment to driving a culture of high performance and integrity to maintain quality assurance. 3RD PLACE OVERALL (Faculty Category) It is a testament to our collective hard work in maintaining quality standards across all evaluated areas.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

PROUD TO PARTICIPATE IN AKNC 2026!

As we move into 2026, the Faculty of Pharmacy is proud to announce its official participation in AKNC 2026. Our focus will be strategically directed towards the focus area

RESEARCH, PUBLICATION, AND COMMERCIALISATION
(Penyelidikan, Penerbitan dan Pengkomersilan).

2026-2030 A NEW FIVE-YEAR QUALITY EXCELLENCE JOURNEY

RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
Advancing impactful research and innovation

ACADEMIC INNOVATION
Enhancing learning, teaching and digital innovation

COMMUNITY IMPACT
Strengthening partnerships and community engagement

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT
Building lifelong connections and creating shared value

SUSTAINABLE QUALITY CULTURE
Upholding integrity, quality assurance and continuous improvement

Together, we strive for victory!

The Faculty of Pharmacy participated in i-AKNC since the award was first introduced, focusing on two main core areas (Bidang tumpuan):

- 2020 & 2021: "Research, publication, and commercialisation."
- 2022: "Industry linkages and entrepreneurship." The faculty has successfully advanced as an overall AKNC finalist and won the award for the Best Strategic Planning criteria writing category.
- 2023: "Research, publication, and commercialization." The faculty again emerged as an overall finalist for the grand prize, winning in multiple categories:
 - Best Leadership category
 - Best Strategic Planning category
 - Best Customer Focus category
 - Best Human Resource focus category
 - Runner-up (Second Place) Overall (Faculty category)
- 2024: "Research, publication, and commercialisation."

The Faculty of Pharmacy enters a new five-year cycle from 2026–2030 with a significant momentum. In the 2025 edition of AKNC, our faculty chose the focus area “Alumni, Community, and Volunteer Engagement” and demonstrated exceptional performance by securing:

- Winner of the Best Leadership Criteria: This recognises our management's commitment to driving a culture of high performance and integrity to maintain quality assurance.
- 3rd Place Overall (Faculty Category): It is a testament to our collective hard work in maintaining quality standards across all evaluated areas.

As we move into 2026, the Faculty of Pharmacy is proud to announce its official participation in AKNC 2026. Our focus will be strategically directed towards the focus area Research, Publication, and Commercialisation (Penyelidikan, Penerbitan dan Pengkomersilan).

This category is highly competitive and has historically seen strong performances from various faculties and departments. However, with our robust research output and innovative commercialisation efforts, we will showcase our best achievements and research talents in this university-level competition.

A Silver Jubilee Milestone

The year 2026 is not just another year of competition; it marks the 25th Anniversary of the Faculty of Pharmacy's establishment. Participating in the AKNC 2026 represents our commitment to the "culture of quality" that the award seeks to foster.

Securing a victory in our silver year would be the ultimate gift to our staff, students, and alumni. It would serve as a testament to two and a half decades of hard work and dedication to pharmaceutical education and scientific advancement. May this year mark the beginning of our journey towards the next 25 years, and let us work together to ensure that 2026 will be remembered as the year the Faculty of Pharmacy reaches the zenith of quality excellence.

**Together, we strive
for victory!**

