

On September 4, 2024, I had the opportunity to participate in the Bengkel Penyediaan Kertas Kerja Geran Acara Untuk Projek Pelancongan, Seni dan Budaya organized by the Research Management Unit (RMU), UiTM Sarawak. As one of the four lecturers from the School of Information Science (PPSM), UiTM Sarawak Branch, this experience was invaluable, especially in our efforts to prepare a proposal to apply for a grant from the Ministry of Culture, Tourism, and Performance (MCTP) Sarawak.

The workshop was held in the Bilik Sarjana at UiTM Samarahan Campus and involved 12 groups from various faculties and units within UiTM Sarawak. Before the official workshop, we attended a preparation briefing on 29th August 2024. Dr. Wan Juliana Emeih Wahed from UiTM Global Sarawak (UGS), who has experience in securing grant funding for programs such as Come Discover Bumi Kenyalang 2023 (CDBK2023), Come Discover Bumi Kenyalang 2024 (CDBK24), and BatikDesCOM23, delivered an informative briefing. Dr. Wan Juliana shared essential tips and strategies for crafting a proposal that meets the MCTP criteria.

On the day of the workshop, the atmosphere was very productive and focused. The program started at 8:30 a.m. with an opening speech by Associate Professor Ir. Dr. Juferi Idris, Deputy Rector of Research and Industry Networking (PJI), UiTM Sarawak. The session then continued with Dr. Wan Juliana, who once again provided clear and comprehensive guidance.

Throughout the workshop, we were guided by a facilitator from UGS, Ms. Ting Su Ung. I truly appreciated her approach to providing honest and constructive feedback, which significantly helped us refine our ideas and improve our draft proposal. This process involved not just writing but also in-depth discussions about the objectives, impact, and feasibility of our project.

Our PPSM team, consisting of Dr. Hajah Imilia Ibrahim, Zainon Haji Bibi, Muhammad Khairul Duan, and myself, completed a proposal titled "Speak Up Go Global." This project is designed to involve international undergraduate students



Academic and non-academic staff of UiTM Sarawak who participated in the Bengkel Penyediaan Kertas Kerja Geran Acara Untuk Projek Pelancongan, Seni dan Budaya

from both local and overseas universities, with a focus on cultural interaction and global communication. Throughout the preparation process, I felt a strong sense of collaboration and openness within our team. We shared ideas, supported each other, and pushed ourselves to ensure that the proposal was not only complete but also highly appealing to potential grant providers.

This experience was significant to me because it highlighted the importance of crafting high-quality proposals to secure funding support. I was also inspired by the enthusiasm and dedication of colleagues from other faculties who participated in the workshop. Each group brought unique ideas and a clear vision to support tourism, arts, and culture in Sarawak.

The workshop was more than just about completing a proposal; it served as a platform for knowledge sharing, learning from experienced individuals, and expanding our professional network. Moreover, it reinforced our determination to continue contributing

to the community through the projects we develop. I am very grateful for this experience and hope that the "Speak Up Go Global" project will bring significant benefits, not only to students but also to the community at large.



Lecturers from the School of Information Science at UiTM Sarawak are currently preparing a paper to be submitted to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism, and Performance (MCTP) Sarawak

TURNING VISIONS INTO PROPOSAL

AN MCTP GRANT WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE AT UiTM SARAWAK

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