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## **ABSTRACT**

This thesis is a study on career achievement after graduating from the Faculty of Music, UiTM. It investigates the factors that influence job opportunities for graduates from the faculty. The results of the study will help students who are still studying at the Faculty of Music be better prepared for the world after graduation. The study offers recommendations based on the findings and hopes that the recommendations will further help enrich the local music industry. On top of that, we hope that the information provided in this thesis would contribute in improving and helping the student be better prepared for their future.



## **CHAPTER ONE**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 Background of the Study**

In this globalised world and postmodern era, the number of students who continue their tertiary level education in universities is increasing by the year. According to Abdul-Jabbar Abdullah (2013), Malaysian Educational Statistics reported that the secondary level education has increased from 31.5 percent in 1965 to more than 80 percent in 2000 onward. This development is consistent with the 'Wawasan 2020' propagated in 2000. This vision receives a positive response from the public according to Syed Ariffin Abu Tahir who stated that education policy is the key direction towards Vision 2020. By then, many graduates who completed their studies hope to contribute to the society. Each individual from various areas has his/her own dreams and expectations. Although many take music for granted, music graduates want to contribute to national development. UiTM Shah Alam is one of the institutions that offer courses in music and has produced many graduates able to work in the music industry.

This study is conducted to determine the career opportunities from graduates from the Faculty of Music, UiTM Shah Alam. It focuses on the reasons influencing the graduates' career opportunity after graduation. The main subject of this study is former students who successfully completed their Bachelor in Music at the Faculty of Music, UiTM. This study involves both genders aged between 25 to 50 years who specialise in playing a certain instrument. This study focuses on those who work in a music related profession and those working in non-music-related professions. Interviews were conducted and recorded using an mp3 audio recorder and additional handwritten notes were taken for cross checking purposes.

The results of the study will help those students still studying at the Faculty of Music to be better prepared for the world after graduation.