

# *Workshop on Proposal Writing for* **Postgraduate Candidates and Students**

**Via Online Mode - Zoom**

## **Aims of the series of 3 Workshops**

This workshop aims to provide the participants with knowledge and skills to come up with an effective thesis proposal with clearly defined problems using the right approach, tools, and structure. It basically addresses all the major issues needed by potential and existing postgraduate students to write a good thesis proposal. The trainers are professors, associate professors, and assistant professors with years of experience from the faculty and other institutions who will help enhance the participants' theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in the area of research methodology. These workshops ultimately aim at assisting research students to prepare their research proposals and facilitate them to select and define a research topic of study for their MA or Ph.D. programmes.

## **Workshop Outcomes**

**At the end of this workshop, the participants should be able to:**

- Understand some basic concepts of research and its methodology
- Identify appropriate research topics/issues
- Select and define appropriate research problems and parameters
- Prepare a thesis proposal (to undertake a project/thesis)
- Write a research proposal/thesis proposal



# Research Workshops

## **Saturdays, 9.00am-5.00pm**

are categorised into the following:

### Workshop 1

#### ESTABLISHING YOUR RESEARCH PROBLEM AND RESEARCH FOCUS



14 January 2023  
18 February 2023

- Types of research and why we do it
- Establishing a research gap
- Selecting and defining appropriate research problems and parameters

### Workshop 3

#### DEVELOPING YOUR RESEARCH DESIGN



11 February 2023  
4 March 2023

- Qualitative and Quantitative research inquiry
- Research Methods
- Data analysis

### Workshop 2

#### PREPARING YOUR RESEARCH PROPOSAL



4 February 2023  
25 February 2023

- Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks
- Conducting a literature review

### Registration Fees

MPhil. /PhD candidates/students:

Local candidates: RM800.00 per workshop

International candidates: USD180.00 per workshop

The number of seats is limited to 15 per workshop. Selected candidates or students will be contacted via email. The minimum number to start a workshop is 5 participants could be accommodated.

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# The Speakers



## Professor Dr Ong Eng Tek

Professor Ong holds a PhD in Science Education from Cambridge University, UK, an MEd in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Houston, USA, and a B.Sc. with Ed. (Hons) in Mathematics and Chemistry from USM. He had also followed through a two-year postdoctoral fellowship program at Cambridge University, UK. He was a recipient of the Commonwealth Scholarship for his PhD and a recipient of the Malaysian Government Scholarships for his MEd and Postdoctoral. Additionally, he was a recipient of the NZODA (New Zealand Overseas Development Agency) and the CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) fellowships for his professional attachment at Auckland College of Education and the University of British Columbia respectively. Currently, he is a Professor at the Department of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, UCSI University. His experiences include teaching in two national secondary schools; having seconded at SEAMEO RECSAM as a science education specialist and subsequently, a senior science education specialist as well as the Head of Science Division; working as the Senior Assistant Director at the Inspectorate of Schools in the Malaysian Ministry of Education; and lecturing as a Professor in Science Education at Sultan Idris Education University.



## Professor Dr Supyan Hussin

Professor Dr Supyan is now a research consultant in UKM. His main interests are in areas of Teacher education, e-learning, computer-assisted language learning, mobile learning, and pedagogical approaches in materials development.



## Associate Professor Dr Mohd Sallehudin Abd Aziz

Dr Salleh is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts at UCSI. He is an experienced lecturer with over 35 years of experience teaching TESL/ESL/TOEFL courses at public and private universities. A subject matter expert on Testing and Evaluation, Language and Educational Assessment, English for Specific Purposes and Computer based Assessment he has published a number of articles and books. His main areas of interests are - Testing and Evaluation in Education, Teachers Assessment Literacy, Proficiency Development Framework, and CEFR and Curriculum Alignment.



## Associate Professor Dr Sabariah Md Rashid

Dr Sabariah Md Rashid is currently an Associate Professor at Faculty of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, UCSI University. She was an academic at Universiti Putra Malaysia from September 1988 until December 2021. Her last designation at UPM was Associate Professor at Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, UPM. At UPM, she graduated 14 Ph.D. students and 6 Master students (with Thesis) under her supervision. At postgraduate level, she has taught various course, including, Research Methods, Quantitative Research Methods, Thesis Writing, and Assessment and Evaluation in English as a Second Language (ESL). She has published in the areas of Applied Linguistics, Translation, Assessment and Evaluation and ESL teaching and learning. Her current research interests are in ESL Education, Applied Linguistics, and Assessment and Evaluation, Translation and Teaching.



## Associate Professor Dr Azhar Md Adnan

Dr Azhar began his teaching career as senior lecturers with University Pendidikan Sultan Idris Tanjong Malim, Open University Malaysia Kuala Lumpur, Assoc. Prof. at HELP University Kuala Lumpur. Appointed as Professor, Dean and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) at City University Petaling Jaya, and Dean at UNITAR International University Petaling Jaya before joining UCSI University in 2021. Dr. Azhar is also the Past President of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Council Malaysia, members of the National Education Advisory Council, and as one of the Assessor Panel Member for early childhood programmes with the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). His areas of interest include qualitative research, parental involvement, Dr. Azhar is also the Past President of Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Council Malaysia, members of the National Education Advisory Council, and as one of the Assessor Panel Member for early childhood programmes with the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA). His area of interest includes qualitative research, parental involvement, child development and education, and school and community relationships.

# The Speakers



## Associate Professor Wong Bee Eng

Dr Wong Bee Eng is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, UCSI University. Prior to this appointment, she was Associate Professor at the Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, UPM. From 2016-2019, she was a consultant at the ELU, Gamuda Bhd, where she designed tests for talent acquisition and profiling employees' language abilities. She also wrote modules and conducted coaching and training sessions at the ELU from 2017-2022. Dr Wong has published a number of journal articles, book chapters and books, mainly in the areas of second language acquisition, discourse studies, and assessment and evaluation. Her main research interests are in the areas of second language acquisition and learning, language testing, assessment and evaluation at the workplace, and discourse studies.

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## Associate Professor Dr Tan Wee Hoe

Dr Tan Wee Hoe graduated from Multimedia University, Malaysia in 2003 with a Bachelor of Multimedia (Honors) in Film and Animation. He worked as a 3D animator in a Canadian computer-animated science fiction comedy television series, titled Tripping the Rift. Then he was appointed as a specialist at the Malaysian Institute of Information Technology, Kuala Lumpur University (UniKL), where he taught courses in the Diploma in Animation program until he received a Master of Multimedia (e-Learning Technologies) from Multimedia University in 2007. In 2008, Wee Hoe received a scholarship from the Malaysia Government to pursue a PhD in Education with University of Warwick, UK. Upon returning to Malaysia with a PhD, he continued his career path in the academia with Sultan Idris Education University (UPSI). From 2013 to 2017, Wee Hoe was the Deputy Director (Creativity and Innovation) and then the Director of the UPSI Education Research Lab. After that, he was awarded the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship to visit the College of Education in Penn State University (PSU), and in 2018, he was appointed as a visiting research scientist at the Yale Center for Health and Learning Games. In 2022, Wee Hoe retired from UPSI and joined UCSI University under the Faculty of Social Sciences and Liberal Arts. He is currently conducting research into educational game design, development and validation. Apart from being an associate professor in the Education Department, he is also the Head of Research and Postgraduate Studies.

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## Assistant Professor Dr Lin Siew Eng

Dr Lin Siew Eng is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Education, Faculty of Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, UCSI University. She completed her Master of Arts (Education) and Doctor of Philosophy in English Language Education in Universiti Sains Malaysia. Her areas of specialisation are Teaching of English as a Second Language and Reading Assessment. Her areas of research are Benchmarking English Language Reading Abilities, Reading Matrix Development and Benchmarking English Language Grammar Proficiency. In terms of research, she had won the Gold award and the Best award at the Malaysia Technology (2012) for READS, a Gold award at ITEX competition (2013) for GrAMs, a special award from the Korea Invention Promotion Association (2013) for GrAMS and a bronze award for READS at the Korea Invention Promotion Association competition (2013) in Seoul, Korea. She is a current member of the Malaysian English Language Teaching Association and Asian Association for Language Assessment.

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## Assistant Professor Dr Genevieve Flores Dipolog

Dr Genevieve has four decades of teaching experience that started from Mindanao State University (Philippines), then Norton University (Cambodia), and finally at UCSI University (Malaysia). She received her AB English degree from Mindanao State University, Master of Arts in English (Language) from the University of the Philippines, and Ph.D in Language Studies from Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Philippines. Her research interests are second language learning, interlanguage, error analysis, and systemic functional linguistics, among others.