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Financial Aid Schemes to Help Affected TAR UC Students



THE Covid-19 pandemic has had an adverse financial impact on many Malaysians. Among them are scores of school leavers, who are facing uncertainty with regards to their higher education plans, given that a great number of sponsors are parents whose financial circumstances have been affected by the pandemic.

As such, Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TAR UC) is offering various kinds of financial aid for students to help them out in these trying times.

First off is TAR UC's Prihatin Flexi Payment Plan introduced this year, which provides greater flexibility in the payment of first semester's fees. Students can make an initial payment of RM263 to begin their tertiary education at TAR UC and the balance can be paid in instalments up to week five or nine of study, depending on the intake.

This plan is offered to students who have received their offer of admission for foundation, diploma and bachelor degree programmes for June/ September/ November 2021 intakes. For foundation students for the June/ September 2021 intakes, they have the flexibility to pay all semester fees in instalments since they are not eligible for PTPTN.

Additionally, needy students can obtain financial assistance via the TAR UC Student Loan Fund. To date, there are 49 interest-free revolving student loan funds that students can apply for, whereby the loan covers the entire tuition fees for recipients. Since its inception in 1979, 13,293 loan awards totalling close to RM43mil have been disbursed through the TAR UC Student Loan Fund.

Apart from this, there are scholarships and bursaries available for qualified students. These include The Star Education Fund, Sin Chew Daily Education Fund, Nanyang Tertiary Education Fund, TAR UC – TAA Scholarship, TAR UC – TAA Scholarship (Top Glove), TAR UC Jinbodhi Bursary, TAR UC Sports Scholarship and Bursary for State/ National Players. Besides that, there are also other external scholarships and grants provided by corporations and philanthropic organisations to help deserving TAR UC students to pursue their studies, such as Kuok Foundation Study Grants, OSK Foundation Scholarship, CIMB Asean Scholarship and Lion-Parkson Foundation Scholarship.

High-achieving students can benefit from the TAR UC Merit Scholarship. The generous scholarship covering up to 100% waiver of tuition fees will be awarded automatically based on academic merit. Since 1997, 26,366 students have been awarded the merit scholarship amounting to a total of approximately RM138mil.

TAR UC also offers financial incentives such as sibling discount as a form of additional support to parents with two or more children studying at TAR UC. Under the sibling discount, students registering for the first time and with sibling(s) who are full fee-paying student(s) in the same semester may be eligible for a discount of RM1,000 off their first semester tuition fee.

Among the many recipients of TAR UC financial aid is Lee Rong Cherng, a Bachelor of Quantity Surveying (Hons) student who comes from a single parent family. “My mum is the only breadwinner, earning a salary of RM2,000 per month. “Besides me, there are two other siblings to look after. “Seeing how difficult it was for my mum, I took up a part-time job while studying and earned about RM800. I was going to tell my mother about it, but then she passed away. “So, when the TAR UC Jinbodhi Bursary

came along, I felt that I had been given a second chance in life,” he said. Application for June/ September/ November 2021 intakes are now open. For details on TAR UC’s financial aid and programme applications, visit www.tarc.edu.my or TAR UC’s Virtual Open Day from 10am to 5pm until June 30.



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