

TRENDS AMONG QUANTITY SURVEYING'S GRADUATES IN PURSUING
POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, the rapid growth in the construction industry of Malaysia has increased the demand for construction consultants especially, Quantity Surveyor. Thus, it is important to produce well qualified Quantity Surveying's graduates who can meet the challenges in the construction field as their role have also evolved along with the construction development. In order to produce more qualified Quantity Surveyors, Quantity Surveying's graduates were encouraged to pursue postgraduate studies. Besides, there are many universities offering postgraduate courses and this often makes them keen in pursuing their postgraduate studies. As a result, there are increasing number of graduates pursuing postgraduate study. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to identify the reasons and benefits in pursuing postgraduate study. The research was focused on the Quantity Surveying's graduates in UTM, USM, UM and UiTM who are pursuing postgraduate studies. This study was conducted through survey where questionnaires were distributed to the respondents, and the Statistical Packages for Social Science (SPSS) analysis system was used to achieve the objective of the study. The findings of the study showed that the increase career prospect was the main reason for the respondents to pursue postgraduate study. Furthermore, majority of the respondents agreed that enhancing knowledge was the most beneficial in pursuing postgraduate study. Hopefully, the outcome of this research will serve as a reference to Quantity Surveying's graduates who are considering whether or not to pursue postgraduate study.

ABSTRAK

Sejak kebelakangan ini, pertumbuhan pesat dalam industri pembinaan di Malaysia telah meningkatkan permintaan terhadap perunding pembinaan terutamanya Juruukur Bahan. Justeru itu, ia adalah penting untuk menghasilkan graduan Ukur Bahan yang berkelayakan untuk menghadapi cabaran dalam bidang pembinaan kerana peranan Juruukur Bahan telah berubah selaras dengan perkembangan pembinaan. Dengan tujuan untuk menghasilkan lebih banyak Juruukur Bahan yang berkelayakan, graduan Ukur Bahan digalakkan untuk melanjutkan pengajian pasca siswazah. Selain itu, banyak universiti telah menawarkan kursus pasca siswazah dan ini mendorong graduan untuk meneruskan pengajian pasca siswazah. Oleh itu, semakin banyak graduan melanjutkan pengajian pascasiswazah. Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk mengenalpasti sebab-sebab dan faedah-faedah melanjutkan pengajian pasca siswazah. Kajian ini tertumpu kepada graduan-graduan Ukur Bahan daripada UTM, USM, UM dan UiTM yang pernah melanjutkan pengajian pasca siswazah. Kajian ini dijalankan dengan menggunakan kaedah tinjauan di mana borang soal selidik telah diedarkan kepada responden dan program penganalisan khas *Statistical Packages for Social Science (SPSS)* digunakan bagi mencapai objektif kajian ini. Hasil kajian ini menunjukkan bahawa peningkatan prospek kerjaya adalah sebab utama untuk responden melanjutkan pengajian pasca siswazah berbanding dengan sebab lain. Tambahan pula, kebanyakan responden bersetuju bahawa menambah pengetahuan merupakan faedah utama yang boleh didapati melalui melanjutkan pengajian pasca siswazah. Maka hasil penyelidikan ini diharapkan dapat menjadi satu rujukan kepada graduan Ukur Bahan untuk melanjutkan pasca siswazah.