



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2026

MASTER'S & PhD RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

IN INTERDISCIPLINARY MADANI STUDIES

International Centre for Madani Studies (ICMS) at UNISEL

Advance ethical, future-oriented and interdisciplinary research for a better Malaysia and a more humane civilisation.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE | Selected candidates with strong and suitable Madani Studies topics may be considered for tuition fees, student allowance and selected research/publication expenses, subject to approval and terms.

WHY MADANI STUDIES?

Madani Studies explores how **knowledge, ethics, governance, economy, technology, spirituality, environment and public policy** work together to build a just, wise, peaceful, innovative and sustainable society.

RESEARCH AREAS

- Governance, ethics and public leadership: shura, maqasid, justice, social trust and institutional renewal.
- Madani economy and society: ethical finance, zakat, waqf, poverty reduction and inclusive prosperity.
- Sustainability and stewardship: mizan, khilafah, climate resilience, cities, food systems and water.
- AI, digital governance and future technology: ethical AI, innovation, algorithmic power and human-centred systems.
- Civilisational and comparative studies: Islamic, Southeast Asian and global contributions to human development.
- Contemporary challenges: interfaith dialogue, family and community resilience, education, health and strategic futures.

WHY STUDY WITH ICMS AT UNISEL?

- Distinctive field aligned with Malaysia MADANI and future nation-building.
- Engagement with scholars across Islamic thought, ethics, governance, technology, development and policy.
- Research environment combining classical foundations with contemporary and future-oriented inquiry.
- Opportunity to contribute to the growing corpus of Madani Studies for Malaysia, ASEAN and the wider world.

MADANI RESEARCH APPROACH

- Begin with a real societal problem and a clear research question.
- Integrate Naqli foundations, 'Aqli and evidence-based research, and responsible AI tools.
- Aim for justice, wisdom, mercy, balance and practical benefits.

RESEARCH OUTPUTS

- A thesis that strengthens the corpus of Madani Studies.
- A policy brief, framework, model, index, curriculum or community solution.
- A publishable article or chapter for Malaysia, ASEAN and the wider ummah.

PROGRAMME SNAPSHOT

Study mode	Research mode (Master's & PhD)
Location	ICMS-IPKSF, UNISEL, Shah Alam
Who should apply	Graduates, professionals, educators, policy thinkers and future researchers

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Master's	Bachelor's degree in a related field with CGPA 3.00 or higher, or equivalent qualification with relevant experience.
PhD	Master's degree in a related field. Relevant professional experience is an advantage.

International applicants: TOEFL iBT 42–45, IELTS 5.0 or equivalent.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application form
- Academic transcripts and certificates
- Research proposal
- Curriculum vitae / résumé
- Supporting documents relevant to your application

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Application date	1 June 2026
Submission	ICMS Academic Committee
Venue	ICMS-IPKSF, UNISEL, Jalan Zirkon A7/A, Seksyen 7, 40000 Shah Alam, Selangor
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