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INTERNSHIP IN SOCIOLOGY: A NEW DIMENSION OF INCREASING STUDENTS' EMPLOYABILITY IN MALAYSIAN JOB MARKET

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ABSTRACT

High requirements of job market inclined universities of today to make internship training as part of the graduation prerequisite. This study attempts to investigate the outcome of internship programme in Sociology and Anthropology department. Findings from this study explicitly show that internship among students from this discipline has essentially improved their soft skills, increase their work place literacy and wellbeing. Despite the lack of information about this discipline as well as its practicality aspects by the industry, sociology and anthropology students are well accepted in both private and public sectors to undertake their internship training. Methodologically, this study was conducted to congregate the opinions and experience about internship programme among Sociology and Anthropology students. Survey was used to collect required data from 100 Sociology and Anthropology students who had completed their three months internship either in public or private sector. In general, internship is crucial particularly among social sciences students as it enriches their experiences, knowledge and skills both in personal and social life.

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