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Trends and challenges of community service participation among postgraduate students in IIUM: A case study (Article)

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Abstract

University-community engagement is important for **students'** knowledge enrichment because it exposes them to fieldwork. Experiences gained will help **students** to prepare themselves for future careers and expose them to a holistic view of the **community** expectations toward university graduates. This paper attempts to explain the **trends** and **challenges** of **community service participation** among **postgraduate students** of International Islamic University Malaysia (**IIUM**). Data was gathered using in-depth interview. Twenty **postgraduate students**, both local and international participated in this study. Data analysis was performed using qualitative approach. In general, this study reveals that **postgraduate students** believed that **community service** is the responsibility of undergraduate **students** due to the fact that their main focus is more on academic-related work. Those who participated would have to juggle between their studies, work and family. Interestingly, socio-cultural barriers, particularly language barriers and cultural boundaries are amongst the problems that discourage international **postgraduate students** from participating in **community service** activities. Indeed, **community service** is an important agenda in any university to develop human capital. The university needs to strengthen its structural environment, thus making **students** from various socio-cultural backgrounds realize that they have a role to play in the **community**. © Serials Publications.

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