



# PENERAJU SPESIALIS FUNDING PROGRAMME

Membership of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the  
United Kingdom (MRCP UK) / Ireland (MRCPI)

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### INTRODUCTION

*Peneraju Spesialis* programme aims to increase the number of Bumiputera specialists in the healthcare sector. Financial assistance is offered to Bumiputeras who are currently pursuing specialist qualifications through a Parallel Pathway programme that is recognised by the National Specialist Register (NSR). The study must be held in Malaysia only.

### A. PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

**1. What is the programme about? What does it aim to achieve?**

Initiated by Yayasan Peneraju Pendidikan Bumiputera (“Yayasan Peneraju”), this programme aims to increase the access of funding for Bumiputeras to become competent healthcare specialists.

**2. Who is eligible for this programme?**

This programme is open to any candidate who meets the following requirements:

- (i) Malaysian Bumiputera;
- (ii) Aged 45 years old and below on application closing date;
- (iii) Has completed housemanship (i.e., full registration with MMC)
- (iv) Fulfill the requirements set by MRCP UK or Ireland; and
- (v) Not currently pursuing any form of further education with full sponsorship (Example: HLP).

**Open to candidates applying from MRCP Part 1/Part 2/Part 2 Clinical/PACES from the following groups:**

- (i) Medical practitioners working in university hospitals (including private university hospitals); **OR**
- (ii) Medical practitioners working in non-KKM clinics/hospitals (e.g., MINDEF facilities, DBKL clinics, authorized refugee clinics); **OR**
- (iii) Medical practitioners working in private institutions or hospitals that meet all requirements from MRCP UK/Ireland and NSR.

**3. Who should pursue this programme?**

This funding programme is offered to candidates who are looking for financial assistance to pursue an internal medicine specialization. Fresh or current candidates are welcome to apply.

**4. What are the benefits of this programme and how is it different from other programmes?**

The Peneraju Spesialis programme provides alternative financial assistance of up to RM70,000\* to eligible Bumiputera candidates pursuing medical specialist study via the Parallel Pathway programme.

The assistance will be provided on a reimbursement basis upon successful passing of every part/examination, with one-off RM1,500 assistance as a start upon enrolment confirmation into this funding programme.

*\*Yayasan Peneraju has the right to change the maximum limit that has been declared.*

**5. How long is the programme?**

The programme's duration will be for a maximum of 5 years upon the commencement of the funding contract with Yayasan Peneraju. The programme's exact duration will be based on the remaining parts/examinations candidates have upon accepting the funding offer from Yayasan Peneraju. Scholars will need to complete their studies within a specified contract duration of the funding.

## B. SPONSORSHIP

### 1. What is the funding model\* of this programme?

A one-off **RM1,500** advance assistance will be provided to the scholars upon confirmation of the enrolment into this funding programme.

Funding will be on a **reimbursement** basis where scholars will fund the costs associated with their certification upfront and will be reimbursed **upon passing of each part/examination.**

**Windows for submission of claims for reimbursements will be opened once every quarter of the year.**

#### **Reimbursements will cover the following:**

- (i) Tuition/preparatory course fees and study material costs (Subject to applicable maximum cap)
- (ii) Examination/professional fees (100% reimbursement).

Failed examination attempts (50% reimbursement upon passing. Scholars are entitled to a maximum of 2 resit attempts throughout contract tenure. Further resit attempts will have to be self-funded by scholars)

#### **Notes:**

- Yayasan Peneraju will only fund the above items for the current module the candidate is undertaking and onwards upon conferment of the Peneraju Spesialis programme enrolment. Any past modules taken prior to the enrolment are not claimable.

*\* Yayasan Peneraju has the right to change any funding terms and conditions that have been declared.*

**As the funding is provided on a reimbursement basis where scholars will be funding the costs associated with the certification upfront, we strongly recommend candidates to study the costs involved in the certification process e.g., exam registration fees, study material costs etc.**

**2. What are the required commitments of the sponsorship?**

Candidates are required to pass all the examinations and complete the sponsored Spesialis programme within the stipulated contract duration aside to adhering the terms and conditions set out in the Scholars Agreement.

Withdrawal or termination from the Spesialis programme shall constitute a breach of contract. Candidates are not allowed to change programme/specialization without the consent of Yayasan Peneraju.

**3. What are the consequences I would face if I breach the contract?**

Candidates are required to pay all costs incurred by Yayasan Peneraju on their behalf. The amount will be calculated by Yayasan Peneraju up to the point of termination/withdrawal.

**4. Is there any repayment upon the completion of the programme?**

No. Unless a candidate breaches the contract or is not able to complete the programme within the stipulated contract duration.

The candidates who have completed the MRCP programme are encouraged to practice their specialization in Malaysia.

**5. If I have received another sponsorship from Yayasan Peneraju, am I still eligible to receive this sponsorship?**

If you are a current/past recipient of any other Peneraju Professional sponsorship programme, you are not eligible to apply for this medical specialization funding programme.

Recipients of Peneraju Tunas Potensi and Peneraju High Impact Programme (HIP) sponsorships, however, are still eligible to apply for this programme.

For any queries in relation to this matter, please contact the Programme Manager.

**6. If I receive another loan/scholarship, am I still eligible to receive Yayasan Peneraju's sponsorship?**

Peneraju Spesialis programme may fund scholars who receive other financial assistance provided that it is not a full sponsorship grant. Candidates must declare their status to Yayasan Peneraju in their application.

Candidates are responsible to confirm with their existing provider if any issue were to surface should they undertake additional funding under this scheme.

Successful candidates receiving other partial sponsorship may be required to provide a consent letter from the other sponsorship body together with the details of the sponsorship coverage to Yayasan Peneraju if requested.

**7. What is the process of reimbursement?**

Candidates will need to fill up claim forms and submit them to the Program Manager with proof of payments and exam results to process the reimbursement (Subject to current applicable Terms and Conditions (*Section B (1) – Sponsorship*)).

## **C. APPLICATION**

**1. How do I apply for this programme?**

You can apply through Yayasan Peneraju's website (<https://yayasanpeneraju.com.my/program/peneraju-spesialis/>) or any other official link announced when the application opens. Please follow YayasanPeneraju's social media accounts i.e., Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for the latest announcements.

**2. What should I expect after applying for the programme?**

If your application is shortlisted, you will be contacted by Yayasan Peneraju's appointed Programme Manager to submit relevant application documents. Only full and complete applications will be further processed, subject to meeting the set programme's requirement. Screened and successful candidates will be notified for assessment. (*Refer to Section D*).

**The decision made by Yayasan Peneraju in relation to an application is final and non-negotiable. Yayasan Peneraju reserves the right to accept or reject any application which is deemed fit/unfit for the programme, without disclosing the reasons for its decisions.**

**3. Am I able to apply through any third party?**

No. The application must be through Yayasan Peneraju.

**4. I am currently in progress or at a certain level in my MRCP programme. Can I still apply?**

Yes. Upon successful enrolment, the reimbursement of tuition/preparatory course fees, study material costs and examination/professional fees (if any) is applicable beginning with the currently to-be-taken MRCP Part.

**D. ASSESSMENT**

**1. Is there any assessment in the selection process?**

Eligible candidates who meet the application requirements will undergo assessments to be qualified and shortlisted for programme enrolment.

**2. If I pass the assessment, how will I be notified?**

Those who pass the assessment will be notified primarily via email.

**E. AGREEMENT**

**1. Am I required to commit to any kind of official contract/agreement?**

Yes. An official offer will be issued to notify that you are being shortlisted and candidates are required to enter into an agreement with Yayasan Peneraju i.e., Scholars Agreement.

**2. Would I be able to reject the offer if I am shortlisted?**

Yes. The Scholars Agreement is only binding after it has been signed and delivered to Yayasan Peneraju within a specified period of time. Failure to return the agreement on time will cause the offer to be null and void.

**F. CONTACT DETAILS**

**For more information, please contact Efficient Frontier Consulting (Programme Manager) at:**

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