

Early Career Researcher (ECR) Programme

Day	Afternoon Session	Evening Session
Monday 9 Sept 2024	01:00 – 01:50 pm	06:00 – 07:00 pm
	Workshop 1: Career Enhancement Speaker: Chak K. Chan and Abdul Rani Abdullah (Tun Hussein Onn Hall)	ECR Ice-Breaking Session (Tun Hussein Onn Hall)
Tuesday 10 Sept 2024	01:00 – 01:50 pm	06:00 – 07:00 pm
	Workshop 2: How to be a Good Scientist Speaker: Dwayne Heard and Liya E. Yu (Tun Hussein Onn Hall)	Workshop 3: Tips and Tricks for Grant Applications Speaker: Clare Murphy (Tun Hussein Onn Hall)
Wednesday 11 Sept 2024	01:00 – 05:30 pm	08:00 – 11:00 pm*
	ECR Excursion Visit to Sultan Abdul Samad Building Visit to Craft Complex Kuala Lumpur	Conference Dinner* (Mawar Hall)
Thursday 12 Sept 2024	12:30 – 02:00 pm	
	ECR Lunch with Senior Scientist (Conference Dining Area)	
Friday 13 Sept 2024	12:30 – 01:00 pm	
	Meet up with ECR Scientific Steering Committee (Tun Hussein Onn Hall)	

The conference lunch break will start at 12:30 pm

*This program is open to all participants

ECR Ice-Breaking Session

This session's objective is to facilitate informal networking among junior researchers at the start of the conference. It will take place on Monday evening. This program will include various straightforward icebreaker games to encourage social interaction and conversation among attendees.

ECR Workshop Series

Workshop 1: Career Enhancement

This workshop aims to provide participants with efficient tactics and practical knowledge to improve their professional development. Enhance work advancement by acquiring the skill to set specific, quantifiable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound goals. Create sophisticated networking methods to cultivate significant professional connections and enhance employment opportunities. Recognise the importance of mentorship and develop the ability to actively pursue and sustain mutually advantageous mentor-mentee connections. Potential speaker: Prof. Dr. Chak K. Chan, a renowned scientist with three decades of expertise in air pollution and aerosol science, and Dr. Abdul Rani Abdullah, a former academic and current CEO of a leading Malaysian air quality company, are potential speakers for your event.

Workshop 2: How to be a Good Scientist

Empower yourself to become a thriving scientist. This interactive pre-conference session is designed to equip Early Career Researchers (ECRs) with the essential skills to excel in their scientific careers. Join us and discover the hallmarks of successful scientists, unleash the power of scientific thinking, master the scientific methods and refine your scientific identity. This session features engaging presentations by renowned scientists sharing by Prof. Dwayne Heard (University of Leeds, United Kingdom) and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Liya E. Yu (National University of Singapore) on their personal journeys, interactive discussions, activities and opportunities to network with fellow ECRs. Don't miss this chance to unlock your full scientific potential and launch your research career to new heights.

Workshop 3: Tips and Tricks for Grant Applications

When applying for a grant, it is critical to understand the essential components and requirements of the application process to improve the chances of success. This entails carefully investigating the goals and priorities of the funding organisation and adjusting the application to suit their needs. The project must clearly define the need or problem it aims to solve, as well as how the suggested solution contributes to solving it. Hence, this session clearly explains the basic grant application process, including key components, significance, and impact. This session aims to share tips and tricks, equipping attendees with the knowledge and skills needed to enhance their grant-writing capabilities and increase their likelihood of securing funding for their initiatives. This will empower attendees with confidence in grant writing, maximising their chances of success through meticulous preparation and strategic planning. The session will feature

presentations, discussions, and engaging activities. The speaker for this session is Prof Clare Murphy, a professor at the School of Earth, Atmospheric, and Life Sciences (SEALS). She has been granted various Australian and international grants throughout her career, and her valuable sharing experiences in securing international and local grants would benefit the participant. A supportive learning environment will be created where attendees can exchange ideas, ask questions, and gain insights from the presenter and fellow participants.

ECR Lunch With Senior Scientist

The session aims to provide early career scientists with informal networking opportunities to engage with renowned scientists or leaders in their field. The event will occur in a specifically dedicated lunch area. Each table will consist of 1 to 2 eminent scientists or prominent leaders in the subject, with a maximum of 10 participants per table. Complimentary packed lunches will be supplied for time efficiency.

ECR Excursion

Objective:

To explore and appreciate Malaysia's rich cultural, and historical heritage.

Details:

Sultan Abdul Samad Building

The Sultan Abdul Samad Building, inaugurated in 1897 and named after the then Sultan of Selangor, is a prominent Malaysian heritage landmark located opposite Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur. This historical building, significant for events like the declaration of Malayan independence on 31 August 1957, serves as the backdrop for Malaysia's annual Independence Day parades. It remains a treasured site for both Malaysians and foreign tourists.

Craft Complex Kuala Lumpur

The Kuala Lumpur Craft Complex, located in the city's heart, is an iconic art tourism destination featuring Malay Terengganu architectural design. It offers a variety of traditional and contemporary arts and crafts from across Malaysia, attracting local and foreign visitors. The complex, set in a Malaysian-themed landscape, is unique among Kuala Lumpur's shopping venues. It is developed on four concepts: education, marketing, enculturation, and accommodation, allowing visitors to explore the rich art craft heritage of Malaysian society.

ECR Local Organising Committee (LOC) Task

1. Nur Faseeha Suhaimi: ECR Ice-Breaking Session
2. Royston Uning: ECR Lunch with Senior Scientist
3. Anas Ahmad Jamhari: Workshop (Career enhancement)
4. Mohamed Yasreen Mohamed Ali: ECR Excursion
5. Nur Azalina Suzianti Feisal: Workshop (How to be a good scientist)
6. Noor Haziqah Kamaludin: Workshop (Grant application)