WOU provides financial aids

WAWASAN Open University (WOU), the people's university, has always believed that education should be made accessible to all. In line with this belief, the university is offering financial aids to lessen the financial strain of working professionals.

Attractive study grants and Return to Study Allowance (RTSA) of up to RM1,000 will be available for all new students who enrol for part-time study at WOU (terms and conditions apply).

Since opening its doors in January 2007, the university has disbursed over RM4.67 million in study grants to 6,650 students up to February this year. One recent grant recipient was Siti Shaqira Ramli, 25, an events executive from Selangor, who enrolled for the Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Entrepreneurship & Management. "The study grant has really helped to lighten the financial load with my studies since I have a lot of commitments every month," she said.

To date, over 16,000 students have seized the learning opportunities offered by WOU, registering in the over 40 undergraduate and postgraduate programmes available.

To meet the demand for experienced graduates in the technical and manufacturing fields, the university's School of Science and Technology (SST) will be introducing the Bachelor of Technology (Hons) in Mechatronics degree for the July 2013 semester (in Penang only).

"Students while pursuing this degree can apply their acquired knowledge and technical competency in mechatronic engineering technology to many manufacturing areas such as engineering design, processes, systems or methodologies. "What they learn about mechanical, electronics and software integration will empower them to design systematic solutions for broadly-defined mechatronic engineering technology problems," said Dr Wendy Bong Chin Wei, dean of SST.

For undergraduate programmes, learners can apply through Regular Entry, or Open Entry if they are at least 21 years, with a minimum PMR/SPM/MCE/Diploma/IEC Senior Middle III or equivalent qualifications and have related work experience.

As for postgraduate study, applicants should possess a Bachelor's degree with CGPA of at least 2.5 or equivalent. However those with CGPA less than 2.5 can apply if they have at least five years of working experience.

Those interested may visit the university's Open Day to be held at its main campus, regional centres and regional support centres nationwide on April 25 and 26.

For more information, visit wou.edu.my