

## FACTSHEET

### Introduction

Newcastle University is a leading University in the UK with more than 180 years of history and a world-class reputation for research excellence. At the heart of its educational philosophy lies its commitment to academic freedom; the pursuit of knowledge and understanding; a sound academic disciplinary base; a methodology based on reason and evidence; social responsibility; and transparency.

In 2009 Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia (NUMed) began offering its Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery programme and since 2011 NUMed has been based on the exclusive EduCity@Iskandar campus. This move saw Newcastle University become the first ever UK University to establish a fully owned international branch campus for medicine in Malaysia, reflecting its long term commitment to Malaysian higher education and the regional health economy.

### Heritage & achievements

From its origins as a School of Medicine and Surgery in 1834, Newcastle University UK has expanded to offer almost 200 undergraduate programmes and over 300 postgraduate programmes. Its reputation for medicine still prevails and Newcastle University is consistently ranked in the top five for medical studies, while a recent survey revealed that of all UK medical graduates, those from Newcastle UK felt best prepared when embarking on their posts as House Officers.

Newcastle has become one of only 14 universities in the world to achieve five plus QS Stars from QS Quacquarelli Symonds, the first international assessment of its kind. The Stars system rates universities against a number of performance indicators as set against pre-established international standards.

### Key Facts

**Location:** EduCity@Iskandar, Johor, Malaysia

**Area size:** 13 acres

**Current students:** 600 (Across 5 academic years)

**Expansion plans:** 1000 students by 2020

**Lecturer to Student ratio:** 1:8

**Current Programmes of Study:** Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MB BS) and BSc. (Hons) Biomedical Sciences.

Foundation Certificate in Biological and Biomedical Sciences.

**Links with the UK:** 1/3 of the lecturers are seconded from the UK, Students are encouraged to take up periods of study in the UK. The curricula are equivalent to those delivered in the UK but contextualised to Malaysian circumstances and cultural differences. All degrees conferred by Newcastle University UK

**Tuition fees 2015-2016:** MBBS - RM95,000 for Malaysian Students and RM105,000 for International students. Biomedical Science - RM40,240 for Malaysian Students and RM44,100 for International students. Foundation Certificate: RM26,000 (Malaysian students only).

**Cost compared to UK:** A saving of 43% on tuition fees compared with studying same programmes at Newcastle University UK.

**Professional accreditation:** Malaysian Medical Council (MMC), UK General Medical Council (GMC) and Sri Lankan Medical Council.

**Academic year:** September to June (April start for Foundation).

**Operating company:** NUMed Malaysia Sdn Bhd (Company Number 792091-W)

**Ownership:** 100% owned by Newcastle University, UK

**Facilities:** Two 200-seat presentation lecture theatres, a 100-seat Harvard Style demonstration theatre, 20 class rooms, two 50-place ICT classrooms, three well-equipped teaching laboratories, a library/ information centre, a student well-being centre, two cafeterias and a student recreation centre.

**Languages:** All teaching and assessment is in English

**Accommodation:** Brand new NUMed Managed self-catering apartments available with free wifi and free transport.

