

# REGISTRATION FORM

Yes, I/ We would like to register for the 16<sup>th</sup> APSSA 2018 as (please tick one)

- Individual participant (Staff Conference)     Group (Staff Conference)  
 Individual participant (StudentConference)     Group (StudentConference)

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Name on tag : \_\_\_\_\_

Designation : \_\_\_\_\_

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I am registering for the following (please fill in for group registration)

Name of staff	Name of students	Subtheme

Payment (please tick one)

- Cheque  
 Bank draft  
 Telegraphic transfer

For online registration, please log on to: <https://apssa2018.utmspace.edu.my/>

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## Call for abstracts

APSSA invites abstract submissions for research, practitioner and case study papers.

The abstracts submitted should not exceed 500 words or one (1) MS Word page. It should be a concise summary of what will be presented, including a title and the aim of the presentation, key discussion points, and general takeaways or way forward.

Abstracts will be selected based on relevance to theme and subthemes of the staff conference.

Abstracts should be

- Submitted in PDF format,
- Named as follows: 16thAPSSA2018\_Presenter surname\_subtheme\_title (e.g. 16thAPSSA2018\_Abdullah\_3\_Residensi UTM as a sustainable student accommodation model), and

All abstracts should be submitted to the following link:

<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=16thapssainternation>

Selected abstracts will be scheduled for presentation at the staff conference on Day 3 (8<sup>th</sup> August 2018) and Day 4 (9<sup>th</sup> August 2018) of the conference. Each presentation must not exceed 20 minutes in length.

## Important Dates

- Call for abstracts - **31<sup>st</sup> March 2018**  
 Notification of acceptance - **15<sup>th</sup> April 2018**  
 Full paper submission - **15<sup>th</sup> June 2018**  
 Early bird registration ends - **30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

## Registration Fee

### STAFF CONFERENCE

	LOCAL	INTERNATIONAL
APSSA member	<b>RM500</b>	<b>USD350</b>
Non APSSA Member	<b>RM600</b>	<b>USD400</b>

### STUDENT CONFERENCE

	LOCAL	INTERNATIONAL
APSSA member	<b>RM250</b>	<b>USD250</b>
Non APSSA Member	<b>RM300</b>	<b>USD300</b>

10% early bird discount (registration made on or before 30 APRIL 2018) applies to all categories

## Accommodations

The conference package does not include accommodation. The recommended accommodations are listed below that located near the conference venue:

1. The Regency Scholars Hotel  
Kuala Lumpur @ Residensi UTMKL  
<https://www.theregency.com.my/>
2. The Regency Scholar's Inn Kuala Lumpur  
<http://scholarsinn.theregency.com.my/Default.aspx>
3. Residensi UTM Kampung Baru (Students' hostel)  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Residensi-UTM-Kampung-Baru-285227151960495/services/>



# ENGAGE-EMPOWER-EVOLVE

## Pushing the Frontiers of Student Affairs

**6-10** AUGUST 2018

UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA  
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA





*The Asia Pacific Student Services Association (APSSA) conference is organised once every two years. The conference brings together participants from APSSA member countries for networking, explore professional development and collaboration opportunities, and discuss pertinent issues on student affairs.*

The 16<sup>th</sup> APSSA conference will be held at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur campus from 6-10 August 2018. It comprises of two conferences:

## STAFF CONFERENCE

**ENGAGE - EMPOWER - EVOLVE**  
Pushing the Frontiers of Student Affairs

Students are at the heart and soul of student affairs professionals. The diverse student body demands passion, diligence and strong commitment from these professionals in their day-to-day operations. They are the unsung heroes behind student success, providing the best of services and assistance to the student population.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution impacts higher education in significant and profound ways. As a result, issues and challenges faced by student affairs professionals today may be different from those experienced years ago. Amidst increased expectations, reduced funding and greater interdependency among stakeholders, these professionals need to swiftly adapt to change and deliver. Through international networks such as the Asia Pacific Student Services Association (APSSA), the student affairs professionals are able to build connections and camaraderie with one another, enabling them to be engaged in current developments related to their core work, subsequently supporting their personal and professional development through peer learning and exchange of experience.

The 16<sup>th</sup> APSSA International Conference 2018 calls for participants to look at the changing roles of student affairs, and work collectively towards development of holistic, balanced and entrepreneurial students with the right attitude and competencies for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The theme "Engage-Empower-Evolve: Pushing the Frontiers of Student Affairs" was specially chosen in view of current developments in higher education, which affect student affairs professionals irrespective of geographical contexts and higher education systems. It is argued that participants have to better connect with their stakeholders (engage), be confident in their line of work (empower), and are eager to embrace transformation (evolve). At the end of the conference, it is hoped that participants would have a renewed sense of purpose towards their role. This would then motivate them to identify fresh insights, innovative approaches and room for improvement for the benefit of students under their care.

## SUBTHEMES

Five subthemes have been identified for the staff conference of the 16<sup>th</sup> APSSA International Conference 2018. The five subthemes are as follows:

- ▶ **C1 - EMPLOYABILITY**  
- Engaging and Empowering for Future Careers  
This subtheme focuses on the role of student affairs professionals in supporting students' career development. Discussions under this subtheme include, but not limited to, graduate employability, industry engagement, career services, entrepreneurial ventures, internships and industrial trainings, as well as innovative models to prepare students for their future careers.
- ▶ **C2 - WELLNESS AND MENTAL HEALTH**  
- Current Challenges, Future Opportunities  
This subtheme concentrates on the role of student affairs professionals in monitoring and supporting students' mental well-being. Discussions under this subtheme include, but not limited to, student counselling, mental healthcare services, mechanisms and operating procedures in managing student mental well-being, as well as peer structures, pastoral care, religious guidance and other forms of support for students in need.
- ▶ **C3 - STUDENT RESIDENCE**  
- Identifying Sustainable Business Models  
This subtheme looks at the provision of both on- and off-campus student residence and its management. Discussion under this subtheme include, but not limited to, funding models, property development, maintenance, options for revenue generation, as well as future trends in student residence development among property developers and private operators.
- ▶ **C4 - STUDENT DEVELOPMENT**  
- Building Purposeful Leaders through Student Development Programmes  
This subtheme discusses on student development through a strategic approach, with the ultimate objective of nurturing students who serve and lead with a purpose towards their peers and communities. Discussion under this subtheme include, but not limited to, strategies in student development, high impact student development activities, alignment of student development initiatives to national and regional agendas, as well as recent trends in student development.
- ▶ **C5 - MOBILITY AND DIVERSITY** - Developing Global Citizens  
This subtheme zooms in on strategies and initiatives in mobilising students for experiential learning and appreciation towards cultural differences and diverse perspectives. Discussion under this subtheme include, but not limited to, inbound and outbound student mobility programmes, issues on balanced mobility, students' intercultural learning, as well as approaches in addressing access and participation in student mobility programmes.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Student affairs professionals, lecturers, housing practitioners, counsellors, professionals involved in student mobility programmes and other practitioners whose day-to-day task involves the above-mentioned subthemes

## STUDENT CONFERENCE

**EMBRACING THE FUTURE**  
Reflect - Respond - Reinvent

Students today maintain multiple identities. They learn, interact and connect with each other, as well as with the world around them not just through face-to-face encounters, but also through the screens on their mobile phones. As a result, their knowledge structures, belief systems, and how they respond to the environment are also shaped by their interactions, both online and offline.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution redefines the world of work, social norms and conventions, and economic development for our students. Institutions of higher learning are capable of, and will be able to help them to navigate the swift transformation. That said, there is a limit to what the institutions can do for the students. They should be aware of who they are, what they can do, and the identities that they represent in the society. Additionally, they need to have the resilience to face an uncertain yet exciting future, and the conviction that they can address those challenges with their own effort and willpower.

The 16<sup>th</sup> APSSA International Conference 2018 highlights pertinent issues for discussion in the student track of the conference. It is argued that participants have to look back at their own experience (reflect), identify ways to reach out and act (respond), and look at their roles and responsibilities in a different light (reinvent). It is hoped that the conference would enable participants to share experiences, context-specific lessons, and best practices which could be implemented at their institutions post-conference. They would then be able to work effectively with student affairs professionals for the benefit of the greater student population.

## SUBTHEMES

Four subthemes have been identified for the student conference of the 16<sup>th</sup> APSSA International Conference 2018. The subthemes are as follows:

- ▶ **S1 - HUMANISATION**  
- Using Social Media Responsibly  
This subtheme deals with the students' role in ensuring ethical, responsible, and mindful use of social media. Discussions under this subtheme include, but not limited to, usage patterns and demographics, case studies and lessons learnt in the use of social media, responsibility in sharing accurate and verified information sources, as well as tips in organising successful outreach on social media.
- ▶ **S2 - PHYSICAL AND MENTAL WELLNESS**  
- Challenges and Opportunities  
This subtheme prompts the students to look at how they manage themselves, their relations with their peers and others around them, and their roles within their communities. Discussions under this subtheme include, but not limited to, students' interpersonal competencies, students' social safety net, gaps to be highlighted to student affairs professionals with regard to physical and mental wellness, as well as peer support and network in ensuring good physical and mental wellness.
- ▶ **S3 - YOU, ME AND THE ENVIRONMENT**  
This subtheme encourages the students to deliberate on issues related to environmental sustainability. Discussions under this subtheme include, but not limited to, education for sustainable development (ESD), disaster management and mitigation, initiatives on sustainability organised by student societies, as well as other issues related to environmental sustainability.
- ▶ **S4 - BECOMING AN ENGAGED GLOBAL CITIZEN**  
This subtheme underscores the students' role in enhancing their international perspectives and intercultural competencies. Discussions under this subtheme include, but not limited to, their understanding towards current social, economic, political and environmental developments around the world, integration between domestic and international students, participation in student mobility programmes, as well as national unity and integrity.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

University and College students

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### DAY 1 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 | MONDAY

0900 - 1300	Arrival and check-in
1300 - 1400	Transfer to Universiti Malaya
1400 - 1700	Pre-conference workshop (for staff conference only)

### DAY 2 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 | TUESDAY

0800 - 0900	Conference registration
0900 - 0945	Opening ceremony
0945 - 1045	Keynote address 1
1045 - 1100	Tea break
1100 - 1200	Panel discussion 1
1200 - 1300	Panel discussion 2
1300 - 1400	Lunch break
1400 - 1730	Parallel sessions (for both staff and student conference)
1830 - 2100	Gala dinner

### DAY 3 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 | WEDNESDAY

0900 - 0945	Keynote address 2
0945 - 1045	Panel discussion 3
1045 - 1100	Tea break
1100 - 1200	Panel discussion 4
1200 - 1300	Lunch break
1300 - 1730	Parallel sessions (for both staff and student conference)

### DAY 4 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 | THURSDAY

0845 - 0900	Video presentation
0900 - 1200	Student presentation
1200 - 1300	Lunch break
1300 - 1400	Country report presentation
1400 - 1430	APSSA Awards presentation
1430 - 1500	Closing remarks
1515 - 1630	APSSA General Meeting
1630 - 1730	New APSSA Exco meeting
1800 - 2000	Farewell dinner and cultural performance

### DAY 5 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018 | FRIDAY

0830 - 1700	Sightseeing tours (optional) / Departure
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### NOTE

Pre conference workshop on 6 Aug 2018 to be held at Universiti Malaya

The rest of the events for 16<sup>th</sup> APSSA 2018 conference will be held at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia