

HOW CAN THIS HELP YOU?

- You will be able to establish contact and working relationships with other experts in your chosen field.
- Share knowledge and expertise.
- Utilise these relationships and shared knowledge to further build on your body of work and achievements.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE SELECTED AS A RECIPIENT EACH YEAR?

Recipients are expected to personify the *Spirit of Merdeka*, and, in their own areas of expertise, and in their own way, demonstrate a commitment to excellence and a contribution to society.

HOW ARE RECIPIENTS SELECTED?

The Grant recipient will have to go through a 3-step Selection Process, based on a proposal that outlines your proposed area of research, what you hope to achieve from it, the benefit the research will bring to the people of Malaysia and your proposed budget.

Details of the application and selection process are available on www.merdekaaward.my

HOW TO APPLY

All applications for the Grant must be made online at www.merdekaaward.my

THE MERDEKA AWARD IS MALAYSIA'S PREMIER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

Established by key players in the Malaysian oil & gas industry – PETRONAS, ExxonMobil and Shell – in conjunction with Malaysia's 50th anniversary in 2007, the award aims to recognise and reward Malaysians and non-Malaysians who have made outstanding and lasting contributions to the nation and the people of Malaysia in their respective fields.

The choice of name, Merdeka Award, reflects the Founding Members' aim to commemorate the true *Spirit of Merdeka*, which explores the liberation of the mind and spirit – factors that foster the realisation of human potential and the pursuit of excellence.

Through this, and the Merdeka Award's other signature initiatives like the Merdeka Award Roundtables, a series of TV talk-shows on ASTRO, the Merdeka Award aims to promote thought leadership and innovation, foster a culture of excellence and encourage a world view, thereby enhancing Malaysia's standing as a dynamic, competitive player in sectors ranging from science and technology to the arts.