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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to determine the relationships between values, interests, skills, and career indecision among final year students at the College of Business (COB), Universiti Utara Malaysia. The data for the study was collected from 318 students and analyzed by using the Pearson Correlations analyses. The results of the study indicate negative relationships between values, interests, skills, and career indecision.
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

This introductory chapter explains the focus of the study. More specifically, the chapter presents the background of study, its research problem, research questions, research objectives, significance of the study and its scope.

1.2 Background of the Study

In Malaysia, students completing secondary schools, generally look forward to attend university, get their scrolls and seek a satisfying career (Talib and Tan, 2009). However, the transition from university to a workplace is always complicated. For instance, graduate unemployment was the common issue of all. Although some students may have clear career planning in their minds, but, some students may require more time in exploring their career.

According to Career Carnival and Entrepreneurship by Ministry of Higher Education 2009 indicates that 48 percent of Malaysian graduates remained unemployed six months after convocation (Ideris, 2009). Does this scenario occur due to unavailable job openings? Jobstreet Survey (2005) validates that about 85 percent of local and foreign companies have positions for fresh graduates. In line with the findings, Jobstreet.com and Jen International Executive Search indicated
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