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ABSTRAK

Pemilihan kerjaya merupakan salah satu aspek penting di dalam kehidupan seorang individu. Ini kerana kerjaya yang dipilih akan menentukan peranan yang akan dimainkan oleh individu di dalam masyarakat pada masa hadapan dan juga merupakan satu proses yang penting di dalam kehidupan. Tujuan kajian ini dijalankan adalah untuk mengenal pasti faktor-faktor yang mempengeruhi pemilihan kerjaya seorang pelajar. Kajian ini bertumpu kepada pelajar-pelajar ijazah di Universitas Indonesia. Pelajar telah dipilih di dalam kajian ini kerana selepas graduasi, mereka akan berhadapan dengan keputusan untuk membuat pilihan mengenai kerjaya mereka. Sejumlah 300 orang pelajar dipilih untuk menjawab soal selidik yang diedarkan. Data yang diperoleh telah dianalisis menggunakan SPSS versi 22.0. Kajian ini menggunakan analisis kebolehpercayaan, analisis regrasi dan analisis korelasi. Keputusan ujian korelasi Pearson menunjukkan pengaruh efikasi kendiri, keluarga, minat peribadi, dan pertimbangan ekonomi mempunyai hubungan yang positif dengan pemilihan kerjaya. Tambahan pula, keputusan analisis regrasi menunjukkan bahawa keluarga, efikasi kendiri, minat peribadi, dan pertimbangan ekonomi memberi pengaruh yang besar ke atas pemilihan kerjaya. Beberapa cadangan kajian lanjut dikemukakan untuk kajian di masa hadapan iaitu untuk mengkaji mengenai faktor-faktor lain yang mempengaruhi penilihan kerjaya seorang pelajar.

ABSTRACT

One of the critical aspects of an individual's life is career choice as a career chosen will determine the role pattern need to be played by the individual in the society in the future and the career choice is one of the important processes in life. The aim of this study is to investigate the factors that influencing the career choice of the students. This study is focus on undergraduate students in Universitas Indonesia. Undergraduate students were chosen because right upon graduation, they were the one who will be dealing with the decision on career choice. A total number of 300 students responded to the questionnaire. Statistical Package software for Social Science (SPSS) Version 22.0 was used to analyse the collected data. Reliability analysis, multiple regressions, and correlation were applied to this study. Pearson correlation analysis results showed that the influence of self-efficacy, family, personal interests, and economic considerations have positive relationships to career Universiti Utara Malaysia choices. Moreover, the results of regression analysis showed that the family, selfefficacy, personal interest and economic considerations exerted great influence on the choice of a career. With a view to investigating student's career choice that is affected by other important factors further studies are recommended strongly.

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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the Study

The goal of education is to give young people proper knowledge realistically plan for their future career. Career plays an exceptional and important part in the life of an individual not just because it decides the pattern of income but also because it affects the individual personality and concept in life. Career subsequently, is a decision interest in life, work or accomplishment in one's career, involved by a person throughout his/her lifetime (Napompech, 2011). One advantage of determination and finishing a professional education is access to higher paying and more prestigious careers. The National Canter for Educational Statistics (2006) reported that in 2004 males between the ages of 25 and 34 who finished the college education or higher had yearly income of 67% higher than those who are secondary school graduate. This is an increase from a 19% point of interest in 1980. Females with a college education or higher earned 68% more than females that are secondary school graduates. In 2015 the condition demonstrates that 91% of young adult's ages 25 to 29 had secondary school diploma or it's comparable in 2014 and that 34 percent had a bachelor's or higher degree. As in the previous years, average earning was higher for 25-to 34-year-olds with higher education in 2013.

As indicated by Sarwar and Azmat (2013), starting a career is the defining moment of a person's life which is chosen through earlier influencing factors. This traverses every one of the exercises in a person's life from early youth when verifiably everybody is imagining that any action confronted in this division of life has no

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