

Providing Blended Learning MSc Project Management Professional Development Programme

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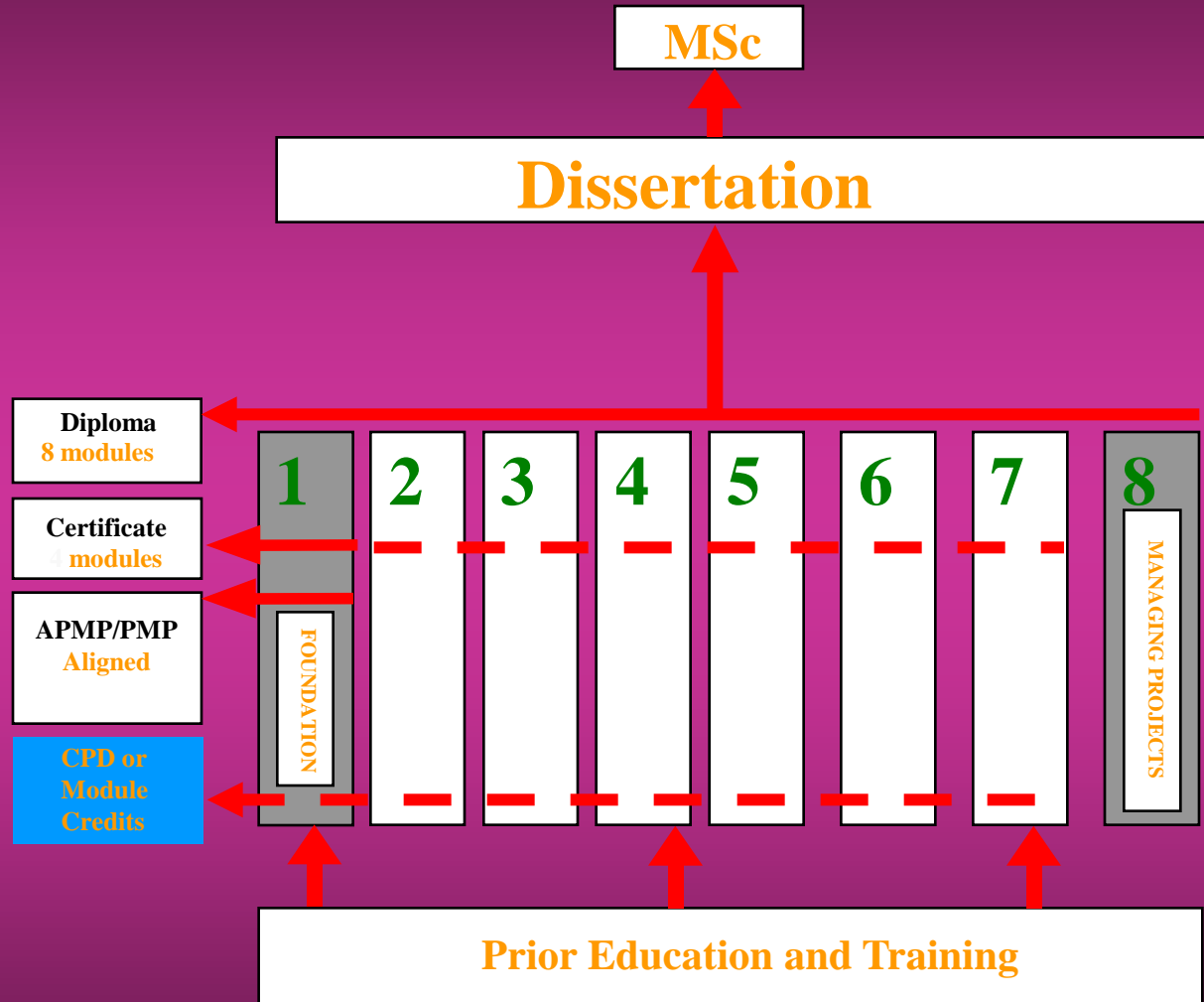
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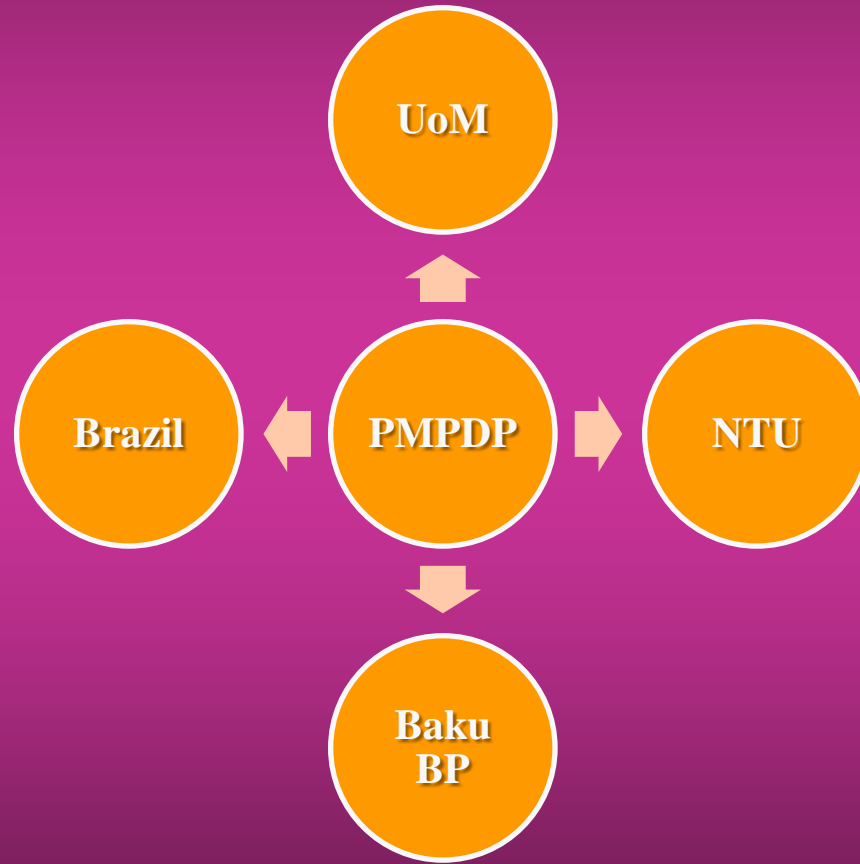
Brief

“Share experiences of running a blended programme and especially of leading the programme team – differences with traditional on-campus models, what works/doesn’t work for this type of programme”

Program Structure



PMPDP Pathway Variants



PMPDP Delegate Statistics

Since 2003

- MSc 214
- Diploma 28
- Certificate 62
- Europe Ongoing 212
- Singapore Ongoing 36
 - ramping up to 150 in 2014

Vision

The **PM PDP** is an **industry led partnership** concerned with practice based learning for project management development. The programme embodies **critical thinking and reflective practice / thinking**, both through the dissertation phase and throughout the taught modules. The programme itself acts as a **community of practice** (CoP) for delegates to network and communicate with their peers, sharing experiences and practices across a wide array of project environments and sectors. The programme is **generic** and becomes sustainable across different sectors. The curriculum and delivery methodology **continuously evolves** and improves.

Objectives

- To provide **education** in the management of projects.
- To **improve continuously** the competence profiles of both delegates and their organisations.
- To support **professional career development** in the management of projects.
- To raise **the profile** of Project Management in participating organisations.
- To create a group of project management professionals and develop and sustain **communities of both learning and practice.**

Features of PMPPD

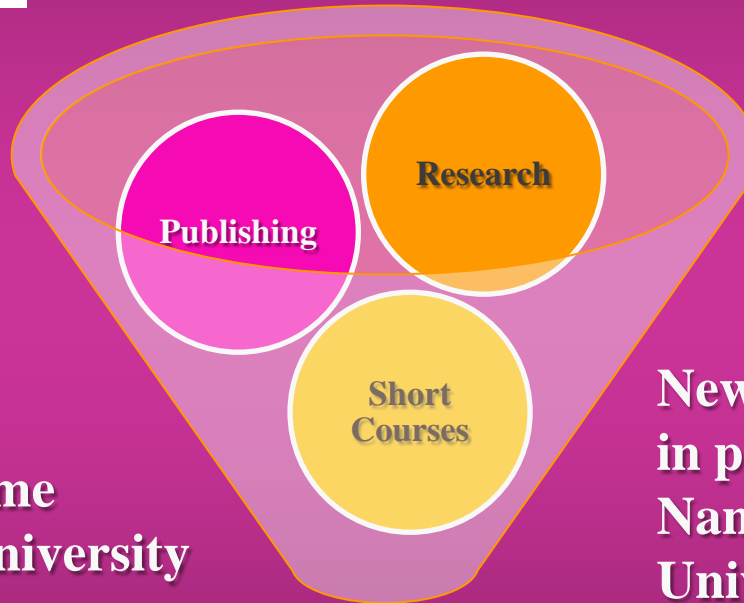
- Generic Project Management
- Industry led and Steering Group
- Modular
- Plenary and mid-sessions
- All modules on offer – continuous 6 month cycles
- Inputs: academic and practitioner
- Blended Learning
- Reflective Practice
- Education
- Networking
- Community of Practice
- Ladder of Opportunity
- Spinout activities
- Flexibility

Industry-Academic Partnership

The University
of Manchester



Started
May 2000



Sister programme
Pennsylvania State University
Started 2001

Synergy



New Joint Degree
in partnership with
Nanyang Technological
University, Singapore
2012

Proposed delivery in
partnership with Rolls-Royce,
in association with a
Brazilian HEI 2014

Accreditation

- Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB)
Granted June 2008
- Association for Project Management (APM)
Granted December 2009
- Global Accreditation Center Project Management Institute (GAC)
Granted March 2010



UK Steering Committee

The University of Manchester

Rolls-Royce

AMEC

Aero Engine Control

Goodrich

ECITB

E.on

Sellafield

Other organisations with a significant interest

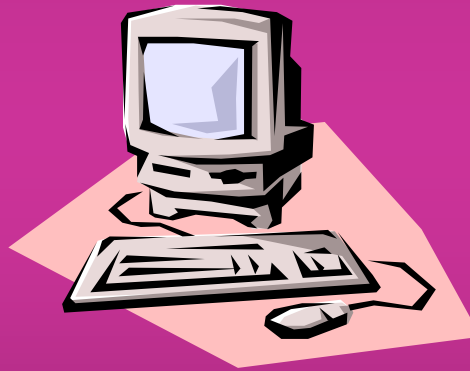
Delegate Representative

Meets every 6 months

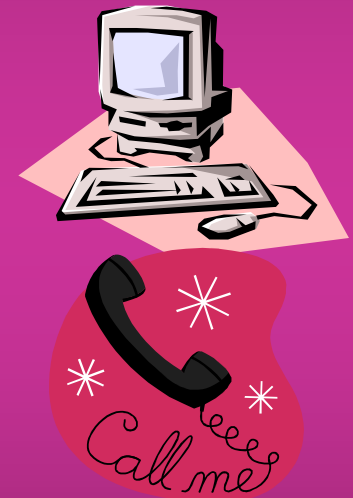
Teaching & Administration Architecture



Workbooks
Assignments
Readings
Textbooks



Blackboard9
Increasing use of
virtual learning
Environment
twitter



Emails
Telecoms

Website

The screenshot shows a Firefox browser window displaying the website pmpdp.mace.manchester.ac.uk. The browser tabs include Twitter, Project Management Prof..., Facebook, and a New Tab. The address bar shows the URL. The website header features the University of Manchester logo and the text "Project Management Professional Development Programme" and "School of Mechanical, Aerospace & Civil Engineering". A navigation menu includes Home, Programme details, Events and workshops, Testimonials, Staff, and FAQs. The main content area features a large "APM News" banner with a stylized bird logo and the text "APM News". Below this is a "Latest news" section with three thumbnail images. On the right side, there is a "Delegate Login" section with a "Log in" link, a "PMPDP is accredited by..." section with logos for APM, PMA, and ECITB, and a "PMPDP Tweets..." section with two tweets. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 14:22 on 02/04/2012.

Community on Blackboard

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Blackboard LMS interface. The browser tabs include Firefox, Twitter, Project Management, Facebook, and Blackboard Learn. The address bar shows the URL: https://online.manchester.ac.uk/webapps/portal/frameSet.jsp?tab_group=community&url=%2Fwebapps%2F. The page header includes the University of Manchester logo and navigation links like 'My Manchester', 'Home', 'Help', and 'Logout'. Below the header, there are tabs for 'Blackboard', 'Teaching and Research', 'My Library', 'My Services', and 'About Me'. The main content area is titled 'PMPDP Community' and 'Home Page > PMPDP Twitter Feed'. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various community features such as 'Home Page', 'Announcements', 'Programme Details', 'Plenary & Midterm Sessions', 'Box of Broadcasts', 'Communication', 'Threshold Concepts', 'Learning Resources', 'eLearning Support', 'Case Studies', 'Unit Evaluation', 'Bb IM', and 'Email'. The main content area displays a 'PMPDP Twitter Feed' with the following tweets:

- FionaCSaunders #thepmpdp** Good advice for us all in RT @HarvardBiz - The Magic of Doing One Thing at a Time - Harvard Business Review: s.hbr.org/Hxk2G1 3 days ago · reply · retweet · favorite
- FionaCSaunders #thepmpdp** I'm spending the next two days discovering the delights of data analysis and SPSS - v useful for PhD but my brain hurts! 4 days ago · reply · retweet · favorite
- FionaCSaunders #thepmpdp** I am now blogging...on topics loosely related to planning and control in project management. pmpdp.mace.manchester.ac.uk 6 days ago · reply · retweet · favorite
- unitate_fortior @AWGale** would be good to hear from students past and present what they would like to see on #thepmpdp portal - case studies? Staff papers? 6 days ago · reply · retweet · favorite
- unitate_fortior** On site at the Olympic Park on Wednesday afternoon after a morning meeting at RICS, via the new Kings Cross station #MACE60085 #thepmpdp 6 days ago · reply · retweet · favorite
- AWGale #thepmpdp** ian hutt richard kirkham & lauren sanderson doing a good job with developing the website 6 days ago · reply · retweet · favorite

At the bottom of the feed, there is a 'Join the conversation' link and the Twitter logo.

Opportunities and Challenges

- Reflective Practice
- Capability of teaching staff
- Mitigating Risks: Single points of failure
- Right Professional Support Staffing
- Running 12 months of the year
- Expectation management: Industry Steering
- Variable access to VLE
- Continuous improvement
- E-learning maturity of team
- Community of Practice / Mentoring

QUESTIONS

