



PARTHIBAN GOVINDASAMY

Australia Malaysia Virtual PhD
Internship Program - 2022

Development of Creativity
Clay Module to Teach Special
Educational Needs Students
with Learning Disabilities

Thesis Outline

This study develops a Creativity Clay module for SEN students in SEIP primary schools using a Modified Design and Development Approach.

Supervisors & Institutions

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Future Goals

I aim to publish more Q1 journal articles, conduct comparative studies on special education in Malaysia and Australia, and pursue postdoctoral research in an Australian university.

AMVPIP Experience

The AMVPIP internship was an invaluable experience, enhancing my academic writing, research skills and professional networking. I collaborated with my Australian supervisor on a systematic literature review, presented at international seminars, and published two Scopus-indexed articles. Engaging with Australian PhD scholars provided diverse perspectives and boosted my confidence in research discussions. This internship broadened my global outlook on special education policies and practices.

Key Takeaways

- 1) Academic Writing & Publishing: Gained skills to write and publish in high-indexed journals.
- 2) International Collaboration – Built global research networks and exchanged insights with Australian PhD scholars.
- 3) Professional Growth – Developed confidence in presenting and defending research in international settings.