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## Cultivating Scholars and Scholarship for Indonesia

### **Non-Discrimination Policy**

ISRSF does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, political affiliation, personal differences, or minority status of any kind. The Foundation seeks talented Indonesians from all parts of the country, and we especially encourage women to apply for the Arryman program.

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# Message from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees

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As of the fall of 2014 we will have nine Arryman Fellows and Scholars in residence at Northwestern. That is nearly half-way to our target of twenty. Our donor base is expanding as more major firms and foundations join this educational effort. PT Adaro was an important early supporter. Bank BCA and PT Djarum have supported us every years since the program began. Last year the William Soeryadjaya Foundation became a donor. And our latest addition to the ISRSF-Arryman family is PT AKR Corporindo Tbk. We extend a warm welcome to AKR's CEO, Mr. Haryanto Adikoesoemo.

This year also marks the first year that the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture has offered support to our Arryman Scholars. We are delighted to have this vote of confidence and recognition for the high quality of students we recruit and mentor. Our application base has also grown rapidly as the awareness of ISRSF spreads. We are now one of the most selective educational programs in Indonesia.

I've had a chance to teach and observe our Arryman students up-close at Northwestern University, and I am proud to report that they have already established a strong profile among their peers. They have received high marks in their seminars and recognition for their research and writing. We are already seeing interest from major academic journals to publish some of this work. We salute the Arryman Fellows and Scholars for their hard work, dedication, creativity, and commitment.

Our relationship with Northwestern has also blossomed. An entourage led by President Morton Schapiro came to Jakarta to deepen the university's relationship with Indonesia. On the US side, the Arryman program (and its partner EDGS) continues to gain recognition within the Northwestern academic community. An important sign of the university's seriousness came in the December 2013 decision to add a fulltime tenure-line faculty member focused on the history of Southeast Asia. Special thanks go to the Rajawali Foundation for its support in cost-sharing for this appointment.



Finally, allow me to recognize our extraordinary family of donors mentioned above. You share our belief that education at the highest level is an indispensable part of building Indonesia for the future, and you provide the resources that make this Foundation's work possible. We deeply appreciate your generosity and vision. But most of all we value the trust and full independence you give us to do our jobs as academic specialists.

I also want to recognize and thank our Board and staff. Our remarkable Board members get paid nothing, and yet they generously give their time, ideas, engagement, and support to the Foundation. Our staff, Benny and Sari, do the hard work of making this educational initiative run smoothly and effectively. We would be lost without them. On behalf of myself, the Arryman Students, and the Board, please accept our warmest gratitude for your patience and determination.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Winters, Ph.D.  
Chairman of Trustees

# Executive Director's Statement

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ISRSF entered its second year in 2013. If 2012 was a year of launching and building, 2013 was a year of continuity and gaining momentum. Continuity and momentum were evident at the institutional level for ISRSF. The composition of our dedicated and generous Board of Trustees, Board of Supervisors, and Board of Directors remained the same as the previous year. On behalf of the Executive officers, I would like to thank all the Board members who were always prepared to support the Executive officers whenever needed. I am very grateful to Dewi Puspasari, our Administrative Assistant; Rudy Cayadi, our IT Specialist; and Beatrix Isabelle, our Finance Officer. All of them did superb work for ISRSF and made my life much easier.

The selection of the 2013 Arryman Fellows ran smoothly due to the hard work of the Selection Committee members: Profs. Edward Aspinall, Melani Budianta, Mohtar Mas'ood, and Jeffrey Winters. Allow me to thank all of them for their high spirit and commitment.

The Arryman Fellows and Scholars are the most important part of ISRSF's long-term endeavor. We are glad to report that the Foundation has been very successful in identifying and recruiting the most remarkable students Indonesia has to offer for the Arryman Fellow awards. They are all talented and dedicated prospective scholars whose commitment to research and scholarship are beyond doubt.

Four new Fellows arrived at Northwestern University in 2013. Their academic performance was exemplary – and we are delighted to report that all were admitted to doctoral programs for 2014. We are also very proud that a fifth Fellow from the 2012 cohort was also admitted for his Ph.D. after receiving an additional year of English language training funded by our partner, the Ford Foundation.

ISRSF would like to thank the Equality Development and Globalization Studies (EDGS) program at Northwestern University, particularly Elizabeth Morrissey, the Senior



Program Coordinator, who assists the Arryman Fellows academically and culturally during their first transition year. The Foundation would also like to thank the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture for working closely with ISRSF through the Beasiswa Unggulan program.

And finally, on behalf of the Arryman students and everyone at ISRSF, I want to express our deepest gratitude to our donors. The generous philanthropy of these Indonesia-based corporations and foundations and the trust they have shown as ISRSF's partners in education is truly pioneering in Indonesia, and will have a major impact for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Benny Subianto  
Executive Director

# Introducing ISRSF

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The Indonesian Scholarship and Research Support Foundation (ISRSF) or Yayasan Beasiswa dan Dukungan Penelitian Indonesia entered its second year in 2013. It was established by Indonesian and American scholars as an Indonesian philanthropic, non-profit, and non-partisan Foundation.

The Foundation is cultivating scholars and scholarship in Indonesia. The plan is to send twenty of the country's most talented prospects to the United States as Arryman Fellows and Scholars for doctoral training in the social sciences at Northwestern University, one of the world's most prestigious institutions of higher learning. As of the fall 2014, there will already be nine Arryman award recipients in residence at Northwestern. We are creating a core network of transformative scholars, whose teaching and academic productivity will shape ideas and concepts in Indonesia for decades to come.

The Foundation works year-round to raise awareness about this rare educational opportunity. ISRSF identifies, selects, and recruits top students from across Indonesia, and then prepares them for their arrival in the US as Arryman Fellows. We do not simply choose students and then send them abroad. The Foundation works closely with them throughout their studies, making sure they are well mentored and that their studies move forward successfully. Each year ISRSF also hosts the Arryman Symposium in June. Presented in partnership with the Ford Foundation in Jakarta, this forum showcases the research being conducted by the Arryman Fellows and Scholars.

Our Foundation is helping to address a need for coherent, consistent, and predictable policies to guide and accelerate Indonesia's development. This is vital for the country's economic and social welfare. ISRSF is also educating a new stratum of world-class scholars in the social sciences. Many Indonesians have earned doctoral degrees at home and overseas, but very few have become top scholars. There are many reasons for this, but it is not because Indonesia lacks talented students. ISRSF has identified the core obstacles and has designed a program that will increase the output of first-rate scholars in their fields. The Arryman program is producing innovative research and knowledge on important societal issues. Those who go through the training we provide will return to Indonesia with the skills and confidence to become critical scholars and leading thinkers.

ISRSF focuses on history, politics, sociology, academic law, anthropology, development studies, and communication studies. The Foundation is sending four Fellows per year over five years of recruitment.

We have designed an innovative "1+6" approach for achieving maximum success. Each entering class spends one year as an Arryman Fellow. This year of pre-doctoral preparation is both a transition period and an investment in the skills needed to perform with excellence in a top American doctoral program. The Arryman Fellows take graduate courses for credit, refine their English language skills, and conduct a year-long research project.

The second phase as an Arryman Scholar lasts up to six years and is fully devoted to the candidate's doctoral studies and thesis. We envisage that the first Ph.D. graduates will be in 2019. Once all of the Arryman Scholars return and take up active positions in research and teaching, we are confident that their contribution to Indonesian society, politics, and economics will be felt for generations.

Our graduates will become academic staff and researchers at the Social Sciences Program (SSP) within the Center for Public Policy Transformation (Transformasi) in Jakarta. Transformasi is supported by the Rajawali Foundation and other major foundations. The Center works closely with global academic partners, including Northwestern University, Cambridge University, and the Harvard Kennedy School. Transformasi and SSP are building blocks for a new School of Public Policy and Social Sciences, which will be the academic home for our returning Arryman Scholars.

In recruiting Arryman Fellows, ISRSF is committed to a non-discriminatory policy that treats all applicants equally regardless their ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, political affiliation, personal differences, or minority status of any kind. We seek talented young Indonesians from all parts of the country, and we especially encourage women to apply for the Arryman program.

ISRSF's Fellowship and Scholarship programs are named in honor of the late Dr. Arif Arryman (1956 – 2010). Arryman was an cosmopolitan Indonesian whose exemplary life and career spanned academia, business, government, and civil society. A consummate intellectual, Arryman was inspirational and incorruptible. Arryman was always critical of status quo Indonesia and was a determined advocate for transformative change. He was known for his vision, insights, and global perspective. Arryman was also a man of good cheer and humor. This educational initiative named in his memory continues Arryman's commitment to cultivating and supporting scholars and scholarship.





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## Activities in 2013

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We received over 350 applicants for the 2013 Arryman Fellows competition. This is an increase of almost 300 percent compared to our first year. The applicants pool was highly diverse and strongly reflected Indonesian society.

### Selecting the 2013 Arryman Fellows

The Selection Committee interviewed a shortlist of fifteen applicants and named four as Arryman Fellows. Before departing for Chicago, the Fellows participated in an 80-hour English course at the University of Indonesia to ensure that they would reach the target iBT TOEFL score of 100 as required by The Graduate School at Northwestern University.



### The 2013 Arryman Symposium

In partnership with the Ford Foundation, we hosted our first Arryman Symposium – a forum which showcases the research done by the Arryman Fellows. ISRSF also announced the new class of Arryman Fellows and Scholars at the event. Danang Kurniadi presented his research on political corruption in new democracies; Gde Metera spoke on the changing pattern of state-religion relations in Indonesia after the democratic transition, and Hipolitus Ringgi presented his work the ruling ambition of the military during the process of democratic consolidation. Prof. Michael Buehler of Northern Illinois University and Dr. Luky Djani of the Institute of Strategic Initiative served as discussants.

These presentations were enthusiastically received by the audience of over eighty invited guests. A senior political science professor at one of Indonesia's most prestigious universities commented that the papers were remarkably sophisticated and that he was stunned to see work of this caliber by students who had not yet even started their formal doctoral training.

The Foundation closed the symposium by announcing the 2013 Arryman Fellows – Luthfi Adam, Muhammad Fajar, Najmu Laila Sopian, and Rahardhika Arista Utama.





## Hosting President Morton Schapiro

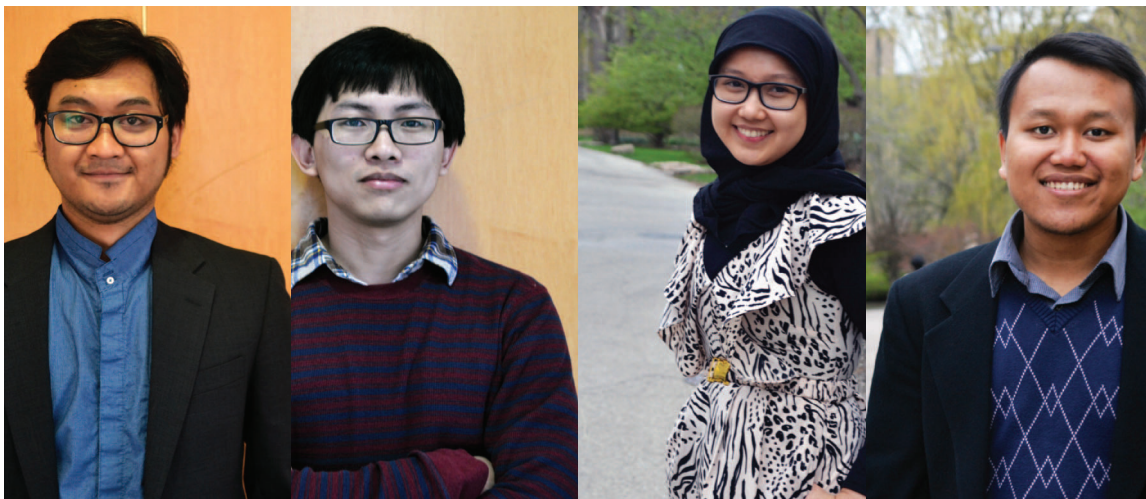
The President of Northwestern University, Morton Schapiro – accompanied by Jay Walsh, the Vice President of Research, and Robert McQuinn, the Vice President of Alumni Relations and Development – visited Jakarta in April 2013. ISRSF helped to organized a reception with Northwestern alumni. Scores of alumni and guests attended and enjoyed an open dialog with President Schapiro concerning the presence of Northwestern University and its alumni in Indonesia.

During his visit to Jakarta, President Schapiro and his Vice Presidents paid a visit to the Rajawali Foundation, gave an interview with Kompas daily on the economy of higher education, visited schools, and made several social visits. President Schapiro expressed his appreciation to the Arryman program for enabling more Indonesians to pursue their graduate studies at NU.



# The 2013 Arryman Fellows

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*From left to right : Luthfi, Fajar, Najmu, and Dhika*

Muhammad Fajar and Najmu Laila Sopian are pursuing their doctorates in political science. Luthfi Adam is doing his doctoral studies in history, while Rahardhika Utama is a doctoral student in sociology.



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# All the Arryman Fellows and Scholars

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## **Luthfi Adam**

Luthfi graduated in 2007 from Padjajaran University majoring in Communication Science, followed by a master's degree in 2011 from Gadjah Mada University in Cultural and Media Studies. At NU is pursuing his doctorate in history focusing on the outward appearances and national subject formation of the Indonesian people in the colonial era. Luthfi has published several journal articles in communications and is a film-maker, scriptwriter, and documentary director.

*Luthfi : "My first quarter at Northwestern was academically tough, but I am really excited about my studies. A quote from Mahatma Gandhi reflects my feelings these days. He said, 'Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.'"*

## **Muhammad Fajar**

Fajar graduated in 2007 from the University of Indonesia in sociology. He pursued his master's degree on a Netherlands Fellowship at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague. Fajar is in the doctoral program in the political science department at NU. His work focuses on the durability of sub-national political leaders in the years following democratic transitions.

*Fajar : "American academic culture is both liberating and demanding. It is liberating in that the relationships between faculty and students are equal. Students can call their professors just by their names. On the other hand, it is also demanding in the sense that students are asked to maximally perform in every class."*

**Gde Dwitya Arief Metera**

Gde is in his second year of doctoral studies. He graduated in 2009 from Gadjah Mada University in English. He also received his master's in 2012 from UGM in religious studies. Gde was awarded a Graduate Student Fellowship by the Asian Research Institute at National University of Singapore in 2011. In 2013 he conducted field research on the rise religious intolerance in South Kalimantan. His research focuses on the intersection of religion, society, and politics.

*Gde : "The Proseminar in Comparative Politics required me to do a serious re-reading of the 19th century giants in the social sciences in order to gain a firm understanding of the classical texts. The readings helped me comprehend the tradition and orientation of comparative politics and better situate my own interests in the subfield."*

**Hipolitus Yolisandry Ringgi**

Hipo graduated in 2006 from the Pembangunan Nasional Veteran University, Yogyakarta, majoring in political science. He obtained his master's degree in 2012 also in political science from the University of Indonesia, where he was a research fellow at Pacivis. He has published numerous academic and popular articles. Hipo is doing his doctoral studies in political science focusing on comparative politics. He is developing a theory of "Military Ruling Ambition" initially exploring the cases of Indonesia, South Korea, and the Philippines.

*Hipo : "Strong English language skills are essential to succeed in a top American doctoral program. To get admitted into an NU doctoral program you need an iBT of 100! The Arryman program and the Ford Foundation have invested a lot of resources to make sure I get there."*

**Najmu Laila Sopian**

Najmu graduated in 2012 from the University of Indonesia School of Law. She was at the top of her class, recognized as the best student of 2011, and received an award for the best thesis at the Law School in 2012. She was the managing editor of the Jurist Law Review. Najmu is pursuing her doctoral studies in the political science department at NU with an emphasis on the formation of the rule of law and property rights in developing contexts, especially Indonesia.

*Najmu : "This has been a rewarding experience and rigorous training for my scholarly development. In terms of social life, I have no difficulties in adapting myself to the new environment. Evanston is such a nice town, offering a perfect balance of entertainment and atmosphere to study."*

**Rahardhika Arista Utama**

Dhika graduated in 2012 from the University of Indonesia in sociology. In 2011 he was recognized as the Most Outstanding Student in the Social and Political Sciences Faculty. He has published his research as policy papers and journal articles. Dhika is pursuing his doctoral studies in NU's sociology department. His research centers on the impact of bureaucratic clientelism on inequality after democratic transitions.

*Dhika : My Arryman faculty mentor in the sociology department is committed to helping me achieve my goals as an Arryman Fellow. She meets with me twice a month to discuss my research. Despite the high quality and comprehensiveness of resources available at Northwestern, I would not gain a luminous experience of scholarship without strong determination and perseverance.*

# Agreement with Donors

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The work of ISRSF and especially the Arryman Fellows program are made possible by the generous support from donors who share our vision of cultivating scholars and scholarship in Indonesia. The cost of the combined Arryman Fellows and Scholars program is substantial because it spans up to seven years of education at a top-tier American university. The Foundation is sincerely grateful to PT Adaro, PT AKR Corporindo Tbk, PT Bank Central Asia, PT Djarum, the William Soeryadjaya Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Rajawali Foundation for their major donations to ISRSF. Without the commitment of these Indonesian entities, the educational work of this Foundation could not be undertaken. We sincerely thank these benefactors for their contributions to Indonesia's future.

In 2013, ISRSF forged an important new relationship with the Beasiswa Unggulan program administered by the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture. This scholarship provides stipend support to some of our Arryman Scholars. We are honored to be working in tandem with the Indonesian government.

ISRSF is especially proud of the fact that we run a very lean operation. Over 95% of all support we receive goes to the costs of supporting our Fellows and Scholars.

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# Audited Financial Statement

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# Financial Report

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