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Cultivating
Scholars & Scholarship
for Indonesia

Indonesian Scholarship
and Research Support Foundation



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 to become Arryman Fellows.

About Us

The Indonesian Scholarship and Research Support Foundation (ISRSF) is a philanthropic organization established as an Indonesian legal entity in 2012 by Indonesian and American scholars. The Foundation is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization. Our Board, staff, and benefactors are deeply committed to achieving excellence in Indonesian higher education. Our aim is to cultivate a network of transformative scholars whose teaching and academic productivity will shape ideas and concepts in Indonesia for decades to come.

Our Mission

ISRSF is training a new generation of world-class Indonesian scholars. The Foundation will then provide on-going support for innovative research and knowledge on important societal issues. We believe it is not enough just to produce new PhDs. It takes a special and deliberate effort to produce committed scholars devoted to teaching, path-breaking research, and publication. ISRSF is nurturing a new breed of critical Indonesian scholars concentrated in the social sciences and public policy. The educational seeds being planted now will germinate over a period of years and bear fruit well into the 21st century.

Our Plan

To achieve these important goals, ISRSF will recruit, train, and graduate twenty innovative scholars focused in the social sciences – especially history, political science, sociology, development studies, academic law, communication studies, and anthropology. Each year we select talented Indonesians who show great potential to become leading academics. They receive an educational award as Arryman Fellows, who spend their first year at Northwestern University conducting research, perfecting their English skills, and taking graduate classes for credit in preparation for doctoral studies in the field of their choosing. Arryman Fellows then receive six-year awards as Arryman Scholars to pursue their PhD at Northwestern.

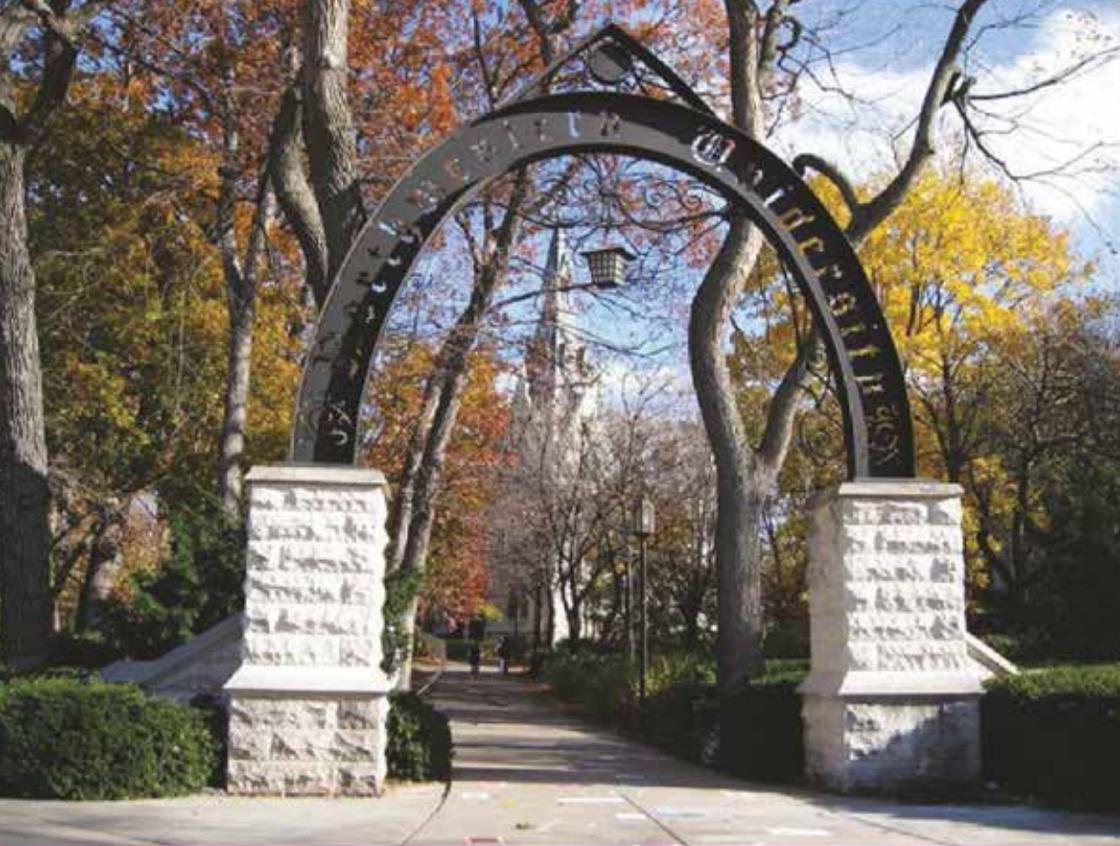
Arryman Fellows & Scholars

The training to become a scholar is long and rigorous. The average US doctoral program in the social sciences takes six years. This period of training provides Arryman Fellows and Scholars with skills, knowledge, and confidence in their ability to analyze complex issues and develop insightful concepts.



Why Arryman?

The Fellows and Scholars are named in honor of the late Dr. Arif Arryman (1956 – 2010). Arryman was a cosmopolitan Indonesian whose exemplary life and career spanned academia, business, government, and civil society. A consummate intellectual, Arryman was inspirational and incorruptible. He managed to be deeply critical of Indonesia and a determined advocate for transformative change, while also being constructive and diplomatic. He was known for his vision, insights, and global perspective. Arryman was devoted to education and served as one of the inspirations and architects of Indonesia's relationships with the Harvard Kennedy School and Northwestern University.



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In Association with Northwestern University

ISRSF's educational partner for the Arryman Program is Northwestern University, one of the top schools in the US and the world.. The Foundation's relationship with NU is at the highest level via the university's Office of the Vice President for Research. ISRSF works directly with the Equality Development and Globalization Studies (EDGS) program at the Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies (www.EDGS.northwestern.edu). The directors of these units ensure the Arryman Fellows and Scholars are mentored during their studies at NU.

Shaping a Brighter Indonesian Future

Upon their return to Indonesia, freshly minted Arryman Scholars with doctorates in hand will form the core faculty and researchers at the Social Sciences Program (SSP) within the Center for Public Policy Transformation (*Transformasi*). *Transformasi* is supported by the Rajawali Foundation and other major foundations. *Transformasi* and SSP are the building blocks for a new School of Public Policy and Social Sciences, which will be the academic home for the Arryman Scholars in Indonesia.

2017 Arryman Fellows

..... **Muhammad Ridha**

Ridha earned his bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Indonesia. His thesis was, "Hegemonic Contestation of Batang's Peasant Movement." Supported by an Australian Development Scholarship, he received his master's from Murdoch University with a thesis entitled, "The Development of a Universal Social Security System in Indonesia." Ridha worked as a Program Coordinator at *Konfederasi Pergerakan Rakyat Indonesia*. He plans to study in the politics department at Northwestern University, where he will deepen his research on the political economy of welfare programs.



Perdana Putri

Perdana was awarded her bachelor of arts degree, *cum laude*, in the humanities from the University of Indonesia. Focusing on Russia, her thesis was entitled "The Dynamics of Avant-Garde Painting from 1890 to the 1920s." She was also active in the Progressive Student Union at the university. Since graduating, she has worked as a communication and publications officer at Asia Justice & Rights. Having grown up on a palm oil plantation in Sumatra, Perdana wants to analyze the palm oil sector from the plantation community's perspective in the Kandis-Siak regency of Riau. She will be joining the sociology department at Northwestern.



Fellows
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..... Robie Kholillurrahman

Robie completed his bachelor's degree in international relations at the University of Indonesia in 2016 with a thesis entitled, "State and Mobile Investors Relation on Industrialization in Post New Order Indonesia (1998-2014)." Since graduating he has worked as a researcher at the Research Institute for Crisis and Alternative Development Strategy, and a research associate at the Directorate of Foreign Politics and International Development Cooperation at the Ministry of National Development Planning. At Northwestern, Robie will join the politics department where he will research a project entitled, "Two Lost Decades of Indonesian Industrialization since 1997."



Sofyan Ansori

Sofyan earned his bachelor's degree in social anthropology at the University of Indonesia in 2009, where he graduated with the highest GPA in his class. He was awarded a "Future Leadership Scholarship" from PPM School of Management, where he received his master's degree. Since completing his studies, he has worked as a researcher and lecturer at the University of Indonesia's Institute for the Study of Economy and Society, and in the anthropology department. An experienced ethnographer, Sofyan will join Northwestern's anthropology department where he will research the sources of Central Kalimantan's peatland fires.



Fellows

2017 Arryman Scholars

..... Aulia Dwi Nastiti

Aulia Dwi Nastiti intends to pursue her doctorate at NU in the Political Science department. She did her bachelor's degree in the Department of Communication at the University of Indonesia, where she is currently a researcher and junior lecturer in media studies. She completed her master's degree at the Universite Jean Mouli Lyon 3 with her thesis entitled, "Culture and Cultural Policy in a Globalized Context: The Case of Indonesia." During her Fellow year she will focus her research on how new "digital middleman" technologies, such as Uber, are changing the political economy of commodification, labor, and power across a range of societies.



Bahram Naderil



Bahram Naderil intends to pursue his doctorate at NU in the department of Anthropology. He completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Jember, writing a thesis focused on women's rights in the United States and the 2013 repeal of the Pentagon's combat exclusion policy. He has received honors of being named the "National Best Speaker" in the 2013 National University Debating Championship. His Fellow year research plans will focus on women's struggles against male domination in Indonesian Islam and Christianity.

..... Mirna Nadia

Mirna Nadia intends to pursue her doctorate at NU in the department of Sociology. She obtained her bachelor's degree at Bandung's Institute of Technology where she achieved distinction on the Dean's List at the School of Life Science and Technology. She continued her studies at the master's level at Uppsala University's International Health Program in the Department of women's and Children's Health. Her Fellow year research will focus on sexual reproductive health and rights, and the state's efforts to regulate sexuality particularly among women and adolescents.





Ririn Radiawati Kusuma

Ririn Radiawati Kusuma intends to pursue her doctorate at NU in the Political Science department. She received her bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Universitas Islam Indonesia studying culture and psychology. She also received the prestigious Li Ka Shing Scholarship and pursued her master's degree at the National University of Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy. During her Arryman Fellow year she plans to focus her research on the intersection of new information technologies, new freedoms in emerging democracies, and rising intolerance.

..... Sari Damar Ratri

Sari Damar Ratri intends to pursue her doctorate at NU in the department of Anthropology. She obtained her bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the University of Indonesia and her master's degree in Medical Anthropology and Sociology at the University of Amsterdam. Sari was the 1st prize winner of ISRSF's national women's essay competition in 2014. Currently she is an associate researcher at the University of Indonesia's Center for Gender and Sexuality Studies. She intends to continue her studies in this field during her Fellow year.



2016 Arryman Scholars

..... Norman Joshua Soelias

Was admitted to Northwestern's Ph.D. program in 2016 to study History. He graduated from University of Indonesia's History Department in 2014, where he submitted a bachelor thesis on the role of Pesindo (Socialist Youth) in the Indonesian National Revolution, 1945 – 1950. He is the second prize winner of ISRSF's Indonesian History Essay Competition for his essay "The Price of Containment: Marshall Plan and the Mutual Security Program in Indonesia, 1948 – 1952." His prize-winning essay is a well-researched and eloquently written study on a topic rarely studied by Indonesian scholars. He intends to pursue his doctorate in History Department at Northwestern University. His research topic is on the early days of the Cold War, focusing on bilateral relations between Indonesia and the United States.



Sindhunata Hargyono

Was admitted to Northwestern's Ph.D. program in 2016 to study Anthropology. He was graduated from University of Indonesia's Department of Anthropology in 2013. He submitted a bachelor thesis on the ideological war between the supporters and opponents of JIL (Jaringan Islam Liberal or Liberal Islam network) in Twitter. His thesis has been published as a journal article in Antropologi Indonesia entitled "Ideological War in Inclusive Twitter: #IndonesiaTanpaJIL versus Jaringan Islam Liberal." As a junior anthropologist Sindhu shows a strong passion in researching of globalization issues, an interest that is heavily influenced by his attendance in border studies and anthropology of globalization courses, as well as his participation in an ethnographic research in the border area of Indonesia and Malaysia. He intends to pursue his doctorate in the Department of Anthropology at Northwestern University.



2015 Arryman Scholars



Kadek Wara Urwasi

Was admitted to Northwestern's Ph.D. program in 2015 to study urban sociology. She is interested in the problem of social conflict and its roots in urban planning and design. Wara's theoretical and research interests in this field come via her education in architecture. She took her first degree at Udayana University in Denpasar, Bali, and her master's in architecture and urban design at the School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi, India (receiving First Class with Distinction). Wara is also an award winning writer and poet. Among the many scholarships and fellowships she has won, in 2012 she was awarded an Asian Public Intellectual (API) Fellowship from the Nippon Foundation to conduct research on the cultural landscape of urban design in Japan and Malaysia.

Sabina Satriyani Puspita

Was admitted in 2015 to the doctoral program in political science at Northwestern University. Sabina's interests lie at the intersection of democratization, political institutions, and representation. In her Arryman Fellow year, she studied the proliferation of judicial watchdog agencies at the national level, with Indonesia as her specific case study. In her future studies, Sabina is eager to explore issues on gender and religious minorities in politics; and apply her skills and experience to her research focused on a more diverse set of countries from the Northeast and Southeast Asian regions such as China, Taiwan, the Philippines, and Malaysia. Before joining the Arryman program, Sabina worked in the Public Affairs Division of the Taipei Economic and Trade Office in Jakarta. She perfected her command of Mandarin during her studies at Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages in Kaoshiung, Taiwan, where she graduated with honors in translation and interpreting.



Yoes Chandra Kenawas



Was admitted in 2015 to the Ph.D. program in political science at Northwestern University. He is interested in the topic of oligarchy, subnational politics, and party system institutionalization in Southeast Asia. As an Arryman Fellow, he conducted research to investigate the emergence of political dynasties at the subnational level in Indonesia. This was a first step toward his goal of producing broader comparative and theoretical insights in the literature on oligarchic and elite politics and their intersection with various forms of democracy. Prior to joining the Arryman program, Yoes taught at his alma mater Parahyangan Catholic University in Bandung, West Java. Additionally, he was actively involved in several research projects related to the 2014 legislative and presidential elections in Indonesia. Yoes received his master's degree in Asian studies from the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore (which also gave him a prestigious Research Analyst Study Award). The Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs named him an ASEAN-Indonesian Youth Ambassador.

2014 Arryman Scholars



Luthfi Adam

Luthfi has just completed his third year of PhD program in the history department at NU. He graduated in 2007 from Padjadjaran University in Communication Science, followed by a master degree in 2011 from Gadjah Mada University in Cultural and Media Studies. In 2013, as an Arryman fellow, he conducted a research on the transformation of dress in the early twentieth century Dutch East Indies. In May 2015, he presented his paper in Recreation and Park : History of Leisure graduate conference at NU. His research focuses on the transformation of everyday lives in colonial Indonesia from cultural and intellectual history approaches. His dissertation is entitled "Science and Imperialism in Java: The History of the Botanical Gardens at Buitenzorg, 1811-1920." He will also be doing research in Indonesia and The Netherlands this year.

Muhammad Fajar

Fajar graduated in 2007 from the University of Indonesia in sociology. He pursued his master's degree at the Institute of Social Studies, the Hague. His thesis examined Indonesia's leftist movements after 1998. Fajar is in his second year doctoral program in the political science department at NU, majoring in comparative politics. His work focuses now on the health politics in Indonesia.



Rahardhika Arista Utama



Dhika graduated in 2012 from 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 a PhD student in NU's sociology department and has completed his first year doctoral training. He has presented his work at several conferences including Midwest Political Science Association Conference and Midwest Conference on Asian Affairs Conference. He has been participating in the Comparative-Historical Social Science (CHSS) workshop at the Buffett Institute. His research centers on exploring plausible causes of inequality after democratic transitions and investigating the path to bureaucracy in Southeast Asia.

2013 Arryman Scholars



Gde Dwitya Metera

Gde has completed classes and exam for doctoral studies in the Political Science Department at Northwestern University. He graduated in 2009 from Gadjah Mada University majoring in english Literature and continue to receive his MA in Religious Studies from UGM. Gde was awarded a Graduate Student fellowship by the Asian Research institute at the National University of Singapore in 2011. His dissertation is entitled "Democracy and Political Secularism in Indonesia." He will be performing research in Indonesia and the Netherlands during his year abroad.



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