



Cultivating Scholars & Scholarship for Indonesia

Indonesian Scholarship and Research Support Foundation







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.





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.

2014 Arryman Fellows



Kadek Wara Urwasi

Wara graduated with Distinction in architecture in 2006 from Udayana University, Denpasar. She obtained her master's (First Class with Distinction) in architecture and urban design from the School of Planning and Architecture in New Delhi, India. Wara plans to study urban sociology at NU, especially social conflict and its roots in urban planning and design. She is also an award-winning writer and poet. 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

Sabina graduated with honors in 2011 from Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages in Kaoshiung, Taiwan. She will study in the department of political science focusing on democratization, political institutions, and representation. Sabina's facility in Indonesian, English, and especially Mandarin equips her with unique skills for comparative research in Southeast and Northeast Asia, especially Indonesia, China, the Philippines, Taiwan, and Malaysia.





Yoes Chandra Kenawas

Yoes graduated in 2007 from Parahyangan Catholic University in Bandung, majoring in international relations. He earned his master's in 2013 from the S. Rajaratman School of International Studies at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore where he received a Research Analyst Study Award. Yoes will join NU's political science department where he plans to research the recent emergence of oligarchic dynasties at the sub-national level in Indonesia. The Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs named him a 1st Prize ASEAN-Indonesian Youth Ambassador.

2014 Arryman Scholars



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 will begin his doctoral studies in political science with an emphasis in comparative politics. He is developing a comparative theory of "Military Ruling Ambition" focused on the cases of Indonesia, South Korea, and the Philippines.

..... 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 he will pursue 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 the field of communications and is a film-maker, scriptwriter, and documentary director.





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. His thesis examined Indonesia's Leftist movement after 1998. 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.

...... 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.





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.

2013 Arryman Scholars



Gde Dwitya Arief Metera

Gde has already completed his first year of doctoral studies in the political science department at NU. 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 of religious intolerance in South Kalimantan. His research focuses on the intersection of religion, society, and politics.

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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.

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