



# ISRSF

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Cultivating  
Scholars & Scholarship  
for Indonesia

**Indonesian Scholarship  
and Research Support Foundation**

## About Us

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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

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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

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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

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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?

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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](http://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.

# 2015 Arryman Fellows

## ..... Norman Joshua Soelias

Norman graduated the University of Indonesia's History Department in 2014. His bachelor's thesis was on the role of Pesindo (Socialist Youth) in the Indonesian National Revolution, 1945 – 1950. He was the second prize winner of ISRSF's 2014 Indonesian History Essay Competition. His essay was a very well researched and eloquently written study entitled "The Marshall Plan and the Mutual Security Program in Indonesia, 1948-1952." Since graduating, Norman has worked as a writer and researcher at Loka Magazine, an online publication primarily concerned with historical, socio-political, and cultural issues in Indonesia. He also served as a freelance world history teacher at Bina Nusantara International School. He intends to pursue his doctorate in History Department at Northwestern University. His plan is to research the early days of the Cold War, focusing on bilateral relations between Indonesia and the United States.



## Sindhunata Hargyono .....



Sindhu graduated cum laude from the University of Indonesia's Department of Anthropology in 2013. His bachelor's thesis was on the ideological war carried out on Twitter between the supporters and opponents of the Jaringan Islam Liberal (JIL, the Liberal Islam Network). A version of his thesis was published in the journal Antropologi Indonesia. Sindhu's interests include digital photography and film, open source mapping, and digital illustration. Although his training has thus far been in social anthropology, Sindhu also has a deep passion for the study of history. Revisionary history has the potential of reshaping views about and understandings of the present. Sindhu intends to pursue his doctorate at Northwestern University in the Department of History. During his first Arryman Fellow year he will explore the possibility of combining his interest in social anthropology with his study of history.

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# 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 first 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.



## 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 his second year of doctoral studies in the Political Science Department at Northwestern University in which he will be the co-coordinator of the Graduate Student workshop on Religion and Global Politics starting next year in 2015. He graduated in 2009 from Gadjah Mada University majoring in English Literature and continued 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. 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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