

Cultivating Scholar & Scholarship for Indonesia



Indonesia 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 people deeply committed to achieving excellence in Indonesian higher education. Our aim is to cultivate a core network of transformative scholars whose teaching and academic productivity will help shape ideas and concepts in Indonesia for many decades to come.

Our Work

ISRSF is training a new generation of world-class Indonesian academics. The Foundation will then provide on-going support for innovative research and knowledge on important societal issues. We believed 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 cohort of creative Indonesian scholars concentrated in the social sciences and public policy. The educational seeds being planted now will germinate over a period of decades and bear fruit well into the 21st century.



Phase I

In Phase I of our work (2012-2018), we recruited a group of talented emerging academics in anthropology, history, political science, and sociology at Northwestern University. The first students will graduate in 2019. These young scholars will return as researchers and educators to a single institution of higher learning in Indonesia.

Phase II

To cultivate and launch a new generation of world-class Indonesian scholars, it is not enough to train them at one of the best universities in the world. To thrive as scholars, the Arryman students must return to an academic culture and intellectual ecosphere that is pioneering, supportive, dynamic, and innovative. Phase II is focused on forging a partnership with a leading institution of higher education in Indonesia that is dedicated to building and sustaining a Faculty, Institute, or School where the investment in these top academics can be fully realized. The goal is for this institution to set the gold standard of research and scholarly output in Indonesia that will raise the bar throughout academia in the country.

Phase III

The final phase of ISRSF's work will be focused on nurturing the research, teaching, and publications of the Arryman Scholars and other academics housed at the institution we establish.





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ISRSF's educational partner for the Arryman Program in the United States is Northwestern University. 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 Institute for Global Affairs. The EDGS Director ensures that the Arryman Scholars are closely mentored during their studies.



Why Arryman?

Arryman 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 problems he observed in Indonesia as well as 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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