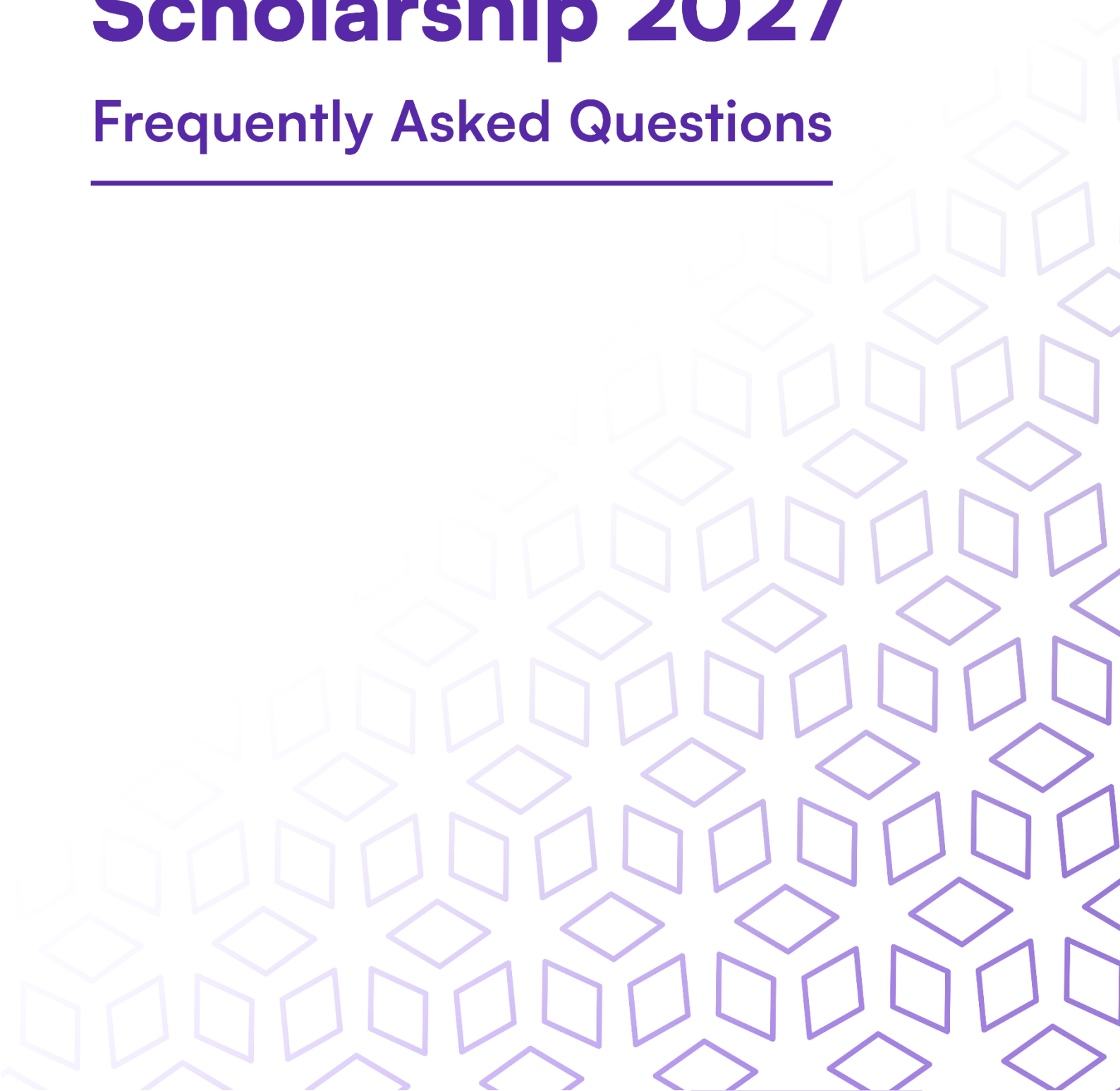


Arryman Scholarship 2027

Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Arryman Scholarship?

The **Arryman Scholarship** is an initiative of the Indonesian Scholarship and Research Support Foundation (ISRSF) designed to support promising Indonesians who aspire to become researchers and scholars. Unlike other programs, we do more than simply fund your doctoral studies. The Arryman Scholarship represents a long-term investment in developing Indonesian scholars who are committed to producing high-quality research and internationally peer-reviewed publications, while contributing to Indonesia's academic and governmental policy. This is why we also created the **IFAR Consortium**.

Is this a combined Master's-PhD Scholarship?

Yes. The Arryman Scholarship is for students pursuing doctoral studies. But you will start by earning a one-year Master's degree in Economics on your way toward the PhD. Your doctoral studies can be in the fields of **Economics, Economic Policy, Development Economics, or International Development**. The scholarship is for *both* degrees, not one or the other. Applicants are encouraged to carefully review the available Programs and academic requirements on SOAS's website before applying.

Where will Arryman Scholars study?

You will pursue their studies at **SOAS University of London**, in the United Kingdom.

Who can apply for the Arryman Scholarship?

In general, applicants should:

- Be an **Indonesian citizen**;
- **35 years** old or younger;
- Hold at least a **bachelor's degree (S1)**;
- Meet SOAS's required **English language proficiency standard**;
- Demonstrate **strong academic** potential;
- Show a genuine interest in **research and scholarly publication**; and
- Have a strong commitment to developing a **long-term career as a researcher and scholar** in Indonesia.

Meeting the minimum eligibility requirements does not guarantee selection. The scholarship is highly competitive and ISRSF looks for applicants with strong potential to grow as productive researchers and scholars.

What is ISRSF looking for in an applicant?

ISRSF seeks promising Indonesians who have the potential and determination to build a long-term career in scholarship and research.

Strong applicants demonstrate these qualities:

- A genuine commitment to contributing to Indonesian higher education through research and international peer-reviewed publications;
- Academic ability, intellectual curiosity, and a critical mind;
- Strong analytical, qualitative, and quantitative potential;

- A deep interest in research and scholarly writing;
- Discipline, focus, maturity, and persistence;
- A positive attitude and an ability to work independently and with others;
- Openness to learning and intellectual development.

The program is intended for people who see research and academic publication not simply as a qualification, but as an important contribution to knowledge in Indonesia and globally.

Do I need to have studied economics for my bachelor's degree?

No. Whatever your field of study at the S1 or S2 level (it doesn't have to be economics), all applicants should be able to demonstrate a mastery of basic economic theory. Ideally, you have passed courses in macro and micro economics. It would also be good if you have taken statistics.

What are the English language requirements?

These are the English language standards set by SOAS for admission to graduate studies:

Test	Overall	Subscores
IELTS Academic/for UKVI/ Online	6.5	6.0 in all subscores
PTE Academic	65	60 in all subscores
TOEFL iBT ('My Best Scores' not accepted)	95/ 5.0	23 in writing and 20 in other subscores (old scoring system) 4.5 in writing and listening, 4.0 in reading and speaking (new scoring system)
Duolingo	120	110 in SWRL subscores

Kaplan Test of English	480	450 in all subscores
LanguageCert Academic	70	65 in all subscores
Oxford Test of English/ Oxford Test of English Advanced	130	120 in all subscores
Password Skills Plus	6.5	6.0 in all subscores

Do I need to have an IELTS or other English test scores before applying?

Yes. A **valid English language test score is required** at the time of application. Applicants should ensure that they have taken an accepted test and can provide valid results before the relevant deadline. Because preparing for an English language test can take time, prospective applicants are encouraged to plan early and avoid waiting until the last minute.

What does the scholarship cover?

The Arryman Scholarship provides up to four years of comprehensive support for your graduate studies leading to the PhD. Key elements of the scholarship include:

- Full tuition and all university fees;
- A stipend for your individual living costs;
- One round-trip flight Jakarta-London-Jakarta;
- Visa-related costs;
- Health insurance; and
- Other support as approved by ISRSF.

Complete details are provided to those awarded the scholarship.

Can I apply if I am currently working?

Yes. However, applicants should understand that the Arryman Scholarship is a **full-time, long-term academic commitment**. Selected scholars are **required to end** their employment and focus fully on their studies and research. Applicants are encouraged to think carefully about whether they are ready to leave their current professional position and start the journey down a demanding academic pathway.

What if I am a PNS (or equivalent) at my university?

If you are a PNS or on the faculty at an **IFAR Consortium university**, we welcome your application and you will be able to return to your university. If you are a PNS in government or at a non-IFAR university, you will be expected to leave that position permanently and pursue a career path within the IFAR Consortium. We do not provide scholarships to applicants intending to return to their non-IFAR positions.

Do I need to have research experience?

No, but your application is stronger if you do. Applicants are assessed based on their overall potential and suitability for a long-term scholarly career.

What documents will I need to prepare?

Applicants will be asked to provide documents such as:

- Academic transcripts and certificates;
- A curriculum vitae (CV);
- English language test results;
- Written statements and essays;
- Examples of relevant academic or professional writings; and
- Confidential recommendations sent separately by your referees.

Applicants should prepare their documents carefully and well before the application deadline.

How important are the recommendation letters?

Your two confidential recommendation letters are an important part of the selection process. They help ISRSF better understand your academic ability, intellectual potential, research capacity, personal qualities, and readiness for a demanding, long-term academic program. Applicants should choose recommenders who know their work well and can provide a thoughtful and honest assessment of their potential. To ensure the credibility and authenticity of the recommendations, letters must be completely confidential and submitted directly by the recommender using their **professional or institutional email address**. Submissions from free personal email services, such as Gmail, Yahoo, or similar providers, will not be accepted.

Who should I ask to be my recommenders?

Choose people who know you well enough to comment meaningfully on your academic and intellectual abilities and potential. Depending on your background, this may include:

- University lecturers or academic supervisors
- Research supervisors
- Senior colleagues or supervisors familiar with your analytical or research work

A well-informed and thoughtful recommendation is more valuable than a recommendation based only on a person's seniority or title.

Can I ask my recommender to show me the recommendation letter?

No. We will not accept letters shared with applicants. Give your recommenders notice long before the deadline to ensure they have time to write. Follow up with your recommenders to ensure their letters have been submitted on time. An application with missing recommendation letters is far less likely to be successful.

How does the selection process work?

There are several stages:

1. Assessment of all applications to ensure they are complete;
2. Shortlisting of candidates for interviews;
3. Interviews and further assessment;

4. Notifications of selected candidates; and
5. Notifications to applicants not selected.

The exact timeline and process for each application cycle will be announced in the relevant Application Guidelines. Applicants are encouraged to submit complete and accurate applications and to monitor their registered email address for communications from ISRSF. By the end of the process, everyone will be notified of their status, whether you are selected or not.

Is the selection process competitive?

Yes. The Arryman Scholarship is highly competitive. ISRSF receives applications from talented individuals with different academic and professional backgrounds. Applicants should approach the application as an opportunity to present their academic potential, intellectual interests, research commitment, and long-term aspirations clearly and honestly.

Do I need to know exactly what I want to research before applying?

No. You are not expected to have every aspect of your future doctoral research fully defined at the application stage. However, applicants should be able to demonstrate a genuine intellectual interest in relevant questions and topics arising in economics, development economics, and public policy. You should be able to explain what key issues motivate you intellectually, and why and how you want to pursue a long-term academic and research career. Your ideas will develop significantly as you undertake graduate coursework, engage with new literatures, and work with academic supervisors. Intellectual growth and refinement are an important part of becoming a researcher.

Can my research focus on Indonesia?

Yes. Research that contributes to a deeper understanding of Indonesia and its economic, social, developmental, and policy challenges is strongly consistent with the broader purpose of the Arryman initiative. At the same time, scholars are expected to engage seriously with international academic debates and produce research that meets high scholarly standards. The goal is not simply to study Indonesia in isolation, but to contribute Indonesian knowledge and perspectives to wider and global academic conversations.

What happens after I complete my PhD?

The Arryman Scholarship is designed with a longer-term scholarly pathway in mind.

Following the completion of the PhD, scholars are expected to return to Indonesia and continue developing their careers as researchers and academics. The Program provides a pathway for scholars to engage with the **Institutes for Advanced Research (IFAR) Consortium**, established to create supportive institutional environments for high-quality research and publication. Arryman Scholars are eligible to apply for competitive postdoc positions in the IFAR Consortium.

Is the scholarship suitable for someone who wants to build a corporate or government career after graduation?

No. The Arryman Scholarship is designed for individuals who are committed to becoming **researchers, scholars, and academics**.

Can I apply if I already have a Master's degree?

Yes, but a Master's degree is not required. Even if you already have a Master's degree, you will still be required to do a first-year Master's at SOAS before continuing to the doctoral program.

Can I apply if I am currently studying for a Master's degree?

Yes, as long as your studies are completed before your departure to London.

What if I do not meet every minimum requirement?

If you are over 35 or if your English proficiency is significantly below the minimums set by SOAS, it is very unlikely you will advance to the interview stage. Applicants intending to study programs in the social sciences other than economics (and the related topics already mentioned above) will also not advance in the selection process. If you are uncertain about a specific requirement, contact us for clarification.

How can I make my application stronger?

A strong application is **clear, thoughtful, complete, and authentic**.

Applicants are encouraged to:

- Read all instructions carefully;
- Give yourself enough time to prepare;
- Explain your academic and research interests clearly;
- Focus on topics of importance;
- Show us that you are capable of thinking critically;
- Choose recommenders who genuinely know your work and make sure their letters have been submitted by the deadline;
- Submit accurate and complete documents;
- Demonstrate your potential honestly; and
- Reflect seriously on why you want to pursue a long-term career in research and scholarship.

There is no need to present yourself as perfect. What matters is demonstrating strong potential, intellectual commitment, and a readiness to learn and grow.

When should I start preparing my application?

As early as possible. Preparing a strong scholarship application takes time. Applicants need to arrange academic documents, take an English language test, prepare written materials, and contact recommenders well in advance. Starting early also gives you time to reflect on an important question: **Is this the academic and professional path I genuinely want to pursue?** The Arryman Scholarship

represents a significant long-term commitment, and careful preparation is the best way to begin.

Where can I find the latest application information?

The most up-to-date information about the Arryman Scholarship, including the application timeline, requirements, and application procedures, will be announced through the official ISRSF channels. [ISRSF official website](#) | [ISRSF Instagram](#) | [ISRSF LinkedIn](#) | [ISRSF X](#). Applicants are encouraged to rely on official ISRSF communications and to check the website and ISRSF social media accounts regularly during the application period.

Who can I contact if I still have questions?

If your question is not answered in the Booklet or Application Guidelines, you may contact the ISRSF team at: info@isrsf.org. When contacting ISRSF, please explain your question clearly and provide sufficient context so that the team can assist you appropriately.