

## IIEF – The Indonesian International Education Foundation

**The Indonesian International Education Foundation (IIEF)** is an Indonesian not-for-profit organization that is committed to promoting the development of Indonesian people through international education, exchanges of ideas, and individual as well as institutional capacity development. IIEF's main activities comprise scholarship management, national and international testing and competency certification administration, leadership initiatives, international partnerships in education, and professional development for international scholars. IIEF is the Indonesian local partner institution of **The Institute of International Education (IIE)**, a world leader in the international exchange of people and ideas based in New York, in administering various programs in Indonesia

Past and present sponsors include the Casten Family Foundation, East-West Center, Embassy of the United States, ExxonMobil Oil Indonesia, Ford Foundation, Freeman Foundation, GE Foundation, Goldman Sachs Foundation, Government of Japan through the IMF Institute, Stavros S. Niarchos Foundation, SMBC Global Foundation, Inc., U.S. Department of State, USAID and the WWF-Education for Nature. IIEF is also the official representative of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and administers the TOEFL®, SAT® and GRE®. As an Indonesian organization, IIEF has been working closely with the Indonesian government, mostly with the Indonesian Ministry of National Education through a variety of educational programs which aim at promoting Indonesian education and international exchange.

Illustrative programs include the following:

### **Scholarships and Awards**

#### **Program to Extend Scholarships and Training to Achieve Sustainable Impacts (PRESTASI)**

Funded by USAID/Indonesia, this program promotes the development of professionals who will contribute to Indonesia's economic success. It is an innovative, second-generation participant training program. USAID/Indonesia combines support for training and technical services required to strengthen and expand the base of skilled, high-performing professionals and institutions in Indonesia's public and private sectors with the new initiative of substantial follow-on support to returning participants. PRESTASI will give special consideration to supporting and strengthening promising individuals from disadvantaged and under-represented geographical areas in Indonesia and will continue the commitment to increase female participation in higher education opportunities.

## **The Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program**

IIEF is administering the **Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program (IFP)** in Indonesia. Created in 2001 as a global initiative through the largest grant ever made by a private foundation for international education, this program provides opportunities for advanced study to exceptional individuals who will use this education to become leaders in their respective fields, furthering development in their own countries and greater economic and social justice worldwide. To ensure that Fellows are drawn from more diverse backgrounds than ever before, IFP actively recruits candidates from underserved groups and communities that lack systematic access to higher education.

In Indonesia, more than **350 Fellows** have been selected in **9 selection rounds** in a highly competitive process involving some **50,000 applicants** from **all provinces** throughout Indonesia. This program has produced more than **250 alumni** who **have returned to Indonesia** and to their communities and are now active developing social justice in many field areas.

## **Indonesia English Language Study Program**

Funded by **the U.S. Department of State**, this program identifies and selects exceptional undergraduate students from any major in universities from throughout Indonesia, especially those with disadvantaged backgrounds, to be awarded full scholarship to learn Intensive English Program in some selected universities in the United States for 8 (eight) weeks. The goal of the program is to better equip the Indonesian undergraduate students, especially in their English language proficiency, so that they will have more competitive values in seeking opportunities for further study. Within this program, participants will not only learn the English language, but they will also join various cultural programs that will enrich their experience, so that they will have the chance to learn intimately the people and culture of the United States.

**Within a period of four years**, this program has selected more than **500 grantees** through **9 selection rounds** involving some **10,000 applicants** from public, private and Islamic universities and institutes from all provinces throughout Indonesia.

## **ExxonMobil Geoscience Scholarship Program**

Since 2007, in collaboration with IIE/New York for University Placement and IIE/Houston for Support & Monitoring, IIEF has been administering the program for **ExxonMobil Oil Indonesia** to assist their exceptional newly-hired employees in obtaining Master's degrees in the Geosciences in several reputable universities in United States. The service provided includes full tuition, in-country advising and monitoring, travel within the U.S. for academic and program purposes and other fees the grantees need in order for them to have a successful experience studying and conducting research in the U.S. Up to 2011, IIEF has assisted more than 25 talented employees in pursuing their graduate study in the United States, receiving leadership training, in order to positively contribute to ExxonMobil Oil Indonesia as well as to the long-term development of the country.

## **GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program**

Supported by the **GE Foundation**, the GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders Program aims at providing support to economically challenged but brilliant young people to complete their undergraduate study in selected state universities in Indonesia. It is expected that the program can contribute to adding more qualified graduates who are also aware of their community's realities. Since the year of 2000, the programs has helped more than **120 Indonesian students** to complete their undergraduate study.

## **SMBC Global Foundation Scholarship Program**

This is a scholarship program for undergraduate students in Indonesia funded by **SMBC (Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation) Global Foundation**. The scholarship program is promoted to assist outstanding Indonesian undergraduate students for finishing their study through financial assistantships for 1 (one) academic year. Since its inception in 1994, this program has managed to support **more than 800 Indonesian undergraduate students** to finish their study in some selected universities in Indonesia.

## **The Paiton Energy Indonesian Young Leaders Scholarship Program**

Supported by **the Paiton Energy – Indonesia**, The Paiton Energy ILYSP supports outstanding undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need from targeted state universities in Indonesia. The scholarship program provides assistance and guidance to ensure that participating students not only successfully complete their undergraduate program but possess the necessary skills and encouragement to pursue further study at the graduate level. Graduates of the ILYSP program will be well-prepared to enter the workforce, possessing strong leadership skills and a commitment to contribute to their local communities. Ever since its inception in 2010, this program has provided support **to 10 students** from **six top universities in Indonesia**.

## **Indonesian Scholar Dissertation Award Program**

Funded by **the Ford Foundation**, this program is intended to provide support to promising Indonesian scholars currently pursuing their doctoral degrees in any university throughout Indonesia who will make outstanding contributions to the betterment of Indonesia through their innovative, visionary, and high-impact doctoral research plans. The awards are given to Indonesia's best thinkers and problem solvers who, through their research proposals, are able to identify and address the most critical issues that have serious effects to a large scope of Indonesian society, as well as to formulate and suggest innovative and viable solutions. The ability in addressing the issues using transdisciplinary approach will be given special attention. The awards provide research allowance to support research as part of their study completion (including data collection and/or analyses).

Out of more than **450 incoming applications** and proposals from more than **40 universities** from all over Indonesia, the program selected **21 research proposals** to be awarded the funds.

## **Asian Studies in Asia (ASIA) Fellows Awards**

The ASIA Fellows Awards is a program funded by **the Ford Foundation** which seeks to develop regional expertise, establish a multilateral network of Asian specialists from many disciplines, professional fields and countries, stimulate interdisciplinary research and inter-societal comparison, and contribute to new developments within existing area studies communities. The awards offer opportunities for outstanding young and mid-career Asian scholars and professionals to gain knowledge of the countries in the region and an understanding of the contexts that shape global and regional issues through research. They enable the awardees to conduct research in a participating Asian country for six to nine months.

Since its inception in the year of 2000, the program has **selected 31 awardees from Indonesia** conducting their research in countries like Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, Pakistan, etc.

## **The Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center**

For nearly fifty years, the **Rockefeller Foundation** has hosted scholars, creative artists, and practitioners at Bellagio for concentrated work on major projects. Talented professionals use time at one of the most impressive, serene and conducive study centers in the world in the little Italian town of Bellagio on the banks of Lake Como, to advance work that has impact across disciplines, while interacting daily with an active and diverse intellectual community. This program brings together people of diverse expertise and backgrounds in a thought-provoking, collaborative environment to promote innovation and impact on a wide range of global issues. IIEF supports the outreach and promotion of this program in Indonesia.

*Some of the scholarship programs IIEF managed in the past include:*

### **KAUST Discovery Scholarship**

The KAUST Discovery Scholarship is the general scholarship program of the **King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)** and is designed to ensure that any highly talented student who is qualified and eligible to enroll in KAUST will receive full financial support while at the University. Those who receive a Discovery Scholarship will receive full tuition support, a living stipend, and summer and career enrichment programs.

### **Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program**

This program, funded by **the Goldman Sachs Foundation**, identifies and prepares talented and accomplished students from around the world for service to society and to their future professions. Each year, 100 students are selected from over 70 top universities and colleges in 19 countries to become Goldman Sachs Global Leaders. This program was run **from 2006 to 2009, and every year there were 4 students from Indonesia selected as Goldman Sachs Global Leaders.**

### **The Culture and Society Grants**

Through this **Ford Foundation**-funded program, IIEF provides **in-country graduate scholarships** in Indonesia in the fields of arts, humanities and social sciences. Special consideration is given to recruiting graduates of **Eastern islands** undergraduate institutions and **women**. The program managed to provide the scholarships to more than **175 individuals** from different areas throughout Indonesia to study, conduct research, enhance their knowledge and skills, and widen their horizons while pursuing either graduate or doctoral degrees.

### **Timor Lorosae Scholarship Program**

This program, which is funded by the Ford Foundation, aims at providing support to Timor Leste's (formerly East Timor) students who were still studying in Indonesia after the referendum to complete their undergraduate study in several state and private universities in Indonesia. The rationale of this program is building the future of Timor Leste through its students in Indonesia and building a better relationship between the Government of Indonesia and CNRT. **Within a period of 5 years**, the program managed to help **around 210 Timor Leste students** overcome their financial problems, complete their studies, and contribute to improving relations and contribute to the restoration and development of Timor Leste.

### **Aceh Relief Grants**

IIEF administered the programs funded by the grants from the Ford Foundation, the Freeman Foundation and the Niarchos Foundation dedicated to give support in education for the victims of tsunami disaster on 26 December 2005 in Aceh. The grants were used:

- to provide the scholarship for **1505** tsunami victims to complete their **undergraduate** studies,
- to provide the scholarship for **923** tsunami victims to complete their **High-School** studies,
- to provide training of trainers to high school teachers from Aceh Besar and Pidie districts so that they were able to provide tutorials to approximately **400** high school students in the two districts to prepare the students for the university admission examination,
- to donate **43,650 textbooks** to assist **3,000 students** at three Senior High Schools which were affected by the tsunami in three districts in Aceh, and
- to renovate **6 damaged high schools**.

## International and National Testing Programs

IIEF in cooperation with the **Educational Testing Service (ETS)** and **Prometric** administers a variety of admission tests to support application to universities abroad, including **TOEFL<sup>®</sup>**, **GRE<sup>®</sup>**, and **SAT<sup>®</sup>**. Besides its role as the **TOEFL<sup>®</sup>** Resource Center, IIEF is also responsible for the nation-wide supervision of the administration of the **Institutional TOEFL (ITP-TOEFL<sup>®</sup>)** throughout Indonesia. IIEF works very closely with all universities and language schools in Indonesia to promote and conduct the test. In addition, IIEF also collaborates with other institutions to administer other professional certification examinations such as **ICMA**, **USMLE**, **CGFNS**, and **AICPCU/IIA**.

IIEF also collaborates with various national Indonesian professional organizations in administering professional licensing examinations, such as with **the Committee for Capital Market Professional Standards in Indonesia for the Capital Markets Competency Examination**, with **the Indonesian Association of the Mutual Fund Managers for the Mutual Fund Certification Examination**, and with **the Association of Indonesian Lawyers for the Indonesian Bar Exam**.

## Other Programs

### **U.S. – Indonesia Partnership Program for Study Abroad Capacity**

In cooperation with The Institute of International Education's (IIE) Center for International Partnerships in Higher Education, IIEF manages this program which aims at helping advance Indonesian higher education institutions' capacity to provide high-quality study abroad programs for U.S. undergraduates. This two-year initiative sponsored by the **U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)** will bring together six U.S. institutions with six Indonesian institutions to develop new, innovative study abroad opportunities for U.S. undergraduates in Indonesia and ultimately help Indonesian universities better prepare to host American students.

### **IIE U.S. Higher Education Fairs**

Every year, IIE together with its regional affiliations conduct the **U.S. Higher Education Fairs** in Asia which present representatives from prominent accredited universities and colleges in the United States. The Fairs in Jakarta organized by IIEF are always successful and well-attended. This is certainly an excellent opportunity for English language students, scholarship grantees, high school students and parents to learn more about the educational opportunities in the United States. The Fairs are supported by the **U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)**.

### **Freeman Foundation Indonesian Non-profit Internship Program**

Funded by **the Freeman Foundation**, this program is designed for the American undergraduate students and Indonesian students currently studying in the United States to experience short-term internship program in some non-profit organizations in some cities in Indonesia. For a period of two months, American students pairing with their Indonesian counterparts stay in cities like Yogyakarta and Bandung to work as interns in local non-profit organizations. In addition, the American students take some lessons in Indonesian language and culture.

This program aims at developing student leadership by providing the participating students with hands-on experience in understanding the vital role that non-profit institutions can play in advancing Indonesia's development, while creating opportunities for learning and exchange among service-minded young leaders of the United States and Indonesia. In 2007, there were **10 American students** and **10 Indonesian students** taking part in this program.

### **Freeman Foundation Indonesian Employment Opportunities Database**

Funded by **the Freeman Foundation**, this program presents a web-based career search tool which provides an opportunity for the Indonesian students currently studying in the United States or just finished their study in the United States to identify any kind of employment opportunities, whether short-term internships or long-term employment, in companies in Indonesia. This program can be seen as one effort to increase the number of the Indonesian students studying overseas (particularly in the United States) who will return home to Indonesia and take part in the betterment of this country through building their career in their home country.

### **RELO English Language Fellows in Indonesia**

Supported by the **Public Affairs Section, the Embassy of the United States in Jakarta**, IIEF has been providing support to the RELO (Regional English Language Office) - English Language Fellows through various programs like the On-Arrival Orientation, Mid-Year Meeting and Participation of the counterparts to the TESOL Annual Conference in the United States.

### **Emerging Markets Development Advisers Program (EMDAP)**

IIEF in collaboration with IIE manages the Emerging Markets Development Advisers Program (EMDAP), in partnership with **USAID**, in Indonesia. EMDAP is designed to place recent graduates of MBA and/or international affairs programs in local NGOs and organizations to provide technical support in business management practices to local businesses and business-serving organizations in developing and transitioning countries to compete in the global market. Starting in 2011, EMDAP places Indonesian nationals to serve as private sector advisers to support another USAID sponsored program called Strengthening Business Associations for Reform (SEBAR).

### **The Global Travel and Learning Fund (GTLF)**

The Global Travel and Learning Fund (GTLF) assists **the Ford Foundation** in promoting greater cross-regional learning and exchange among grantees working in diverse sectors and world regions. IIEF has provided logistical support to **more than 850 individual or organization grantees within a period of 8 years**.

### **New York University Abu Dhabi**

IIE is also the official partner of **New York University Abu Dhabi** to assist in its worldwide outreach effort. NYU Abu Dhabi is a world-class university which offers undergraduate program for high school students from best qualified high schools from every corner of the world. IIEF is responsible to administer the outreach of this program in Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei and the Philippines.

### **East-West Center Representation**

**The East-West Center** is a public, non-profit institution established in 1960 by the US Congress to foster mutual understanding and cooperation between the governments and peoples of the Asia-Pacific region,

including the US. It offers fellowships at visiting professional associate, intern, graduate studies, joint doctoral and post-doctoral levels. As the East-West Center representative in Indonesia, IIE has handled dissemination of information, selection, assistance in preparation and communication for applicants, as well as serving as the liaison office for Indonesia's active alumni association, KALEA. **Since 1990 there have been more than 275 participants from Indonesia.**

### **The Book Donation Program**

The program, which is administered by IIEF in cooperation with **The Sabre Foundation** and **the Indonesian Ministry of National Education**, aims at promoting learning in Indonesian universities and higher education and the advancement of academic research by donating the latest and high-quality imported educational books and CD-ROMs on different study fields and subjects to university libraries in Indonesia.

### **Pathways to Higher Education Initiative Program: Promoting Academic Language Usage**

The program, which is sponsored by **the Ford Foundation**, aims at improving the quality of Indonesian graduates; particularly in Communicative Academic English and Academic Writing. This program was initiated as an effort to respond to two fundamental problems faced by Indonesian graduates in the area of academic communication skills. The first is in a weakness in academic English skills in general, and the second is a weakness in academic writing skills in the Indonesian language. Through a rigorous selection process, some higher education institutions have received grants to develop and implement this program based on the local needs and context.

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