



UNIVERSITAS
GADJAH MADA

SYLFF

The RYOICHI SASAKAWA YOUNG LEADERS FELLOWSHIP FUND

Scholarship Fund for
Graduate &
Postgraduate students at UGM

LOCALLY ROOTED, GLOBALLY RESPECTED

WHAT IS SYLFF SCHOLARSHIP?

The Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund, or Sylff, is a fellowship program **initiated in 1987** to support students pursuing graduate studies in the humanities and social sciences. To date, endowments of \$1 million each have been presented to **69 universities** and consortia in **44 countries**.

<https://www.sylff.org/institutions/>

The Sylff program aims to **identify and nurture leaders** who will overcome differences in nationality, language, ethnicity, religion, and political systems to tackle global issues, and whose high integrity and drive to address issues unique to their respective countries can make a real difference. About **17,000 students** have received fellowships since the program's launch, and many of these Sylff fellows have gone on to become leaders in a variety of fields following graduation.

WHAT IS SYLFF SCHOLARSHIP?

Fellowships are awarded to outstanding **graduate & postgraduate students** who are enrolled in degree programs with high potential for leadership at the local, national, regional, and international levels in their private and public lives.

The scope of the fellowships must fall within the parameters of **the social sciences or humanities**.

Recognizing the growing tendency toward inter- and multi-disciplinary approaches, though, students will be eligible for Sylff fellowships if they approach multi-disciplinary research themes from a social science or humanities perspective.

Since 2005, **54 UGM SYLFF fellows (5 PhD programme and 49 Master Programme)** have been awarded the Sylff Scholarships program.

<https://www.sylff.org/institutions/gadjah-mada-university/>

UGM SYLFF OPENING FOR 2026

**MASTER
PROGRAM**

INDONESIAN

**MASTER
PROGRAM**

INTERNATIONAL

**DOCTORATE
PROGRAM**

INDONESIAN

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ELIGIBILITY SCHOLARSHIP SYLFF PROGRAM

MASTER PROGRAM

1. All citizens (priority given to ASEAN citizens)
2. Accepted at Universitas Gadjah Mada for the Master Program at the year of opening
3. No more than 35 years old
4. Bachelor holder with honor (GPA 3.50 or above of 4.00 scale; or other equivalent grade scale)
5. Outstanding English proficiency proven by TOEFL ITP 500, iBT 90, IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
6. Preferably attached to university as a future lecturer or mid-career professional in higher education institution

DOCTORATE PROGRAM

1. All citizens (priority given to ASEAN citizens)
2. Accepted at Universitas Gadjah Mada for the PhD Program at the year of opening
3. Master holder with honor (GPA 3.50 or above of 4.00 scale; or other equivalent grade scale)
4. No more than 40 years old
5. Outstanding English proficiency proven by TOEFL ITP 500, iBT 90, IELTS 6.0 or equivalent
6. Preferably attached to university as lecturer or mid-career professional in higher education institution

COVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP DOCTORATE PROGRAM

INDONESIAN

1. Living cost, including research and books expenses for maximum 48 months (4 years)
2. Settlement Allowance (one time in beginning of study)
3. Departure Allowance (one time in the end of study)
4. **Tuition and other academic related fee for 8 semesters***
5. University based health insurance
6. As UGM-SYLFF Fellow, the recipient is eligible to apply for SYLFF Research Abroad (SRA) Program

INTERNATIONAL

1. Living cost, including research and books expenses for maximum 48 months (4 years)
2. Settlement Allowance (one time in beginning of study)
3. A package of fixed return airfare
4. **Tuition and other academic related fee for 8 semesters***
5. Indonesian language course fee for 1 semester
6. University based health insurance
7. Visa fees for study and stay permits in Indonesia
8. As UGM-SYLFF Fellow, the recipient is eligible to apply for SYLFF Research Abroad (SRA) Program

COVERAGE SCHOLARSHIP MASTER PROGRAM

INDONESIAN

1. Living cost, including research and books expenses for maximum 24 months (2 years)
2. Settlement Allowance (one time in beginning of study)
3. Departure Allowance (one time in the end of study)
- 4. Tuition and other academic related fee for 4 semesters***
5. University based health insurance
6. As UGM-SYLFF Fellow, the recipient is eligible to apply for SYLFF Research Abroad (SRA) Program

INTERNATIONAL

1. Living cost, including research and books expenses for maximum 24 months (2 years)
2. Settlement Allowance (one time in beginning of study)
3. A package of fixed return airfare
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HOW TO APPLY

MASTER PROGRAM

1. Filled application form*
2. Letter of Acceptance from UGM
3. A copy of academic transcript and diploma/
bachelor degree
4. A legalized copy of TOEFL or other
internationally recognized English proficiency
certificate
5. CV or Résumé
6. One page letter of motivation
7. Research plan
8. Two letters of recommendation from academic
supervisors
9. Endorsement letter from University*

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR SYLFF FELLOWS

Social Action

Leadership Initiatives (SLI)

Up to US\$10,000 for social action projects and conferences/workshops initiated by fellows.

Project Grant (SPG)

Large-scale grants for projects with potential for substantial social impact.

Research

Research Grant (SRG)

Up to US\$5,000 to support doctoral and post-doc fellows' academic research activities in their field of expertise.

Research Abroad (SRA)

Up to US\$5,000 to support research in a foreign country for a doctoral dissertation.

Networking

Leaders Workshop

Opportunities for intercultural group learning and leadership enhancement.

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Disbursement of fund = 1 time for 1 full academic year
2. The scholarship agreement will be between the Sylff fellow and Tokyo Foundation only for 1 year
3. Each year there will be a monitoring and evaluation process to approve the continuation of the study
4. If approved, then UGM will recommend to Tokyo Foundation for the continuation for further approval
5. Upon approval from Tokyo Foundation, Sylff Fellows will sign the continuation of one year scholarship agreement
6. Sylff Fellowship Report should be submitted each year by the Sylff fellow to Tokyo Foundation
7. Selection process: UGM Internal Selection – Nominated Candidate Review by Tokyo Foundation – Final Approval by Tokyo Foundation to UGM

Thank you



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