

# Indonesia International Student Mobility Award (IISMA)

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## IISMA 2022 Intake

### Aim and Background

Indonesia International Student Mobility Awards or IISMA is the Government of Indonesia scholarship aimed at providing funding for UG students to participate in short-term mobility at top universities overseas. Students could spend one semester at overseas partner universities to study, experience the host country's culture and undertake practical assignments to enhance their skills. The Government has identified “Ten Skills for the Future Workforce” that students need to focus on. Please click the following link for more detail on the Ten Skills:

[https://www.iff.org/uploads/media/SR-1382A\\_UPRI\\_future\\_work\\_skills\\_sm.pdf](https://www.iff.org/uploads/media/SR-1382A_UPRI_future_work_skills_sm.pdf)

1000 Indonesia UG students funded by IISMA studied in 73 universities around the world in 2021. The UK is the most popular study destination, 177 out of 1000 IISMA funded students went to study in 10 UK universities including University of Birmingham, University of Edinburgh, Lancaster University, University of Leeds, University of Leicester, Newcastle University, University of Strathclyde, University of Sussex, and University of York. The UK's main competitors for the 2021 intake were the US (130 students) and South Korea (83 students). Assuming its border is open for international students, the UK should expect strong push back and competition from Australia for the 2022 intake. IISMA was piloted in 2021 with the expectation that it will run for a number of years.

IISMA is one of the programmes under Ministry of Education's “Kampus Merdeka” policy which seeks to improve higher education relevance and graduate competencies. In his foreword for British Council's recent publication, Prof Nizam, Director General of Higher Education, Research and Technology, Ministry of Education, Culture, Research and Technology (MoECRT) said: *“The ‘Kampus Merdeka’ -emancipated learning policy, which sets out Indonesia higher education priorities in the coming years- makes explicit our desire to strengthen partnerships with universities, research centres, and industries from around the world. We hope that these international partnerships will contribute toward improving quality and relevance of higher education delivery and will offer Indonesian students a rich learning experience by engaging with their peers internationally.”*

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## Scholarship Coverage

Funding from the Ministry includes:

- Tuition fee (at cost)
- Accommodation and living allowance (lump sum)
- Emergency fund (at cost)
- Travel cost (economy class airfare and visa)
- Health insurance, quarantine costs and PCR tests (at cost)

## Eligibility - Student

- UG students currently studying at universities registered under MoECRT (students from universities under Ministry of Religious Affairs or MoRA are not eligible for this scholarship)
- Good English proficiency evidenced by IELTS (6.0), or TOEFL iBT (78) or Duolingo (100)
- Nominated by home university
- Minimum 3.0 GPA evidenced by academic transcript

## Overseas University Partner

It is expected that there would be more scholarships available for short-term mobility for the 2022 intake. Therefore, the Ministry is keen to develop the list of overseas university partners from diverse regions and countries that can offer variety of courses. The overseas university partner must be:

- An accredited higher education institution
- Ranked in top 5 in their own country or in top 300 QS ranking
- Able to host international students evidenced by recent track record (experience in hosting Indonesian students is a plus)
- Able to offer courses taught in English
- Flexible in programme development

UK universities, including those already listed as overseas university partners for 2021 intake, interested to be considered as Ministry of Education's overseas university partner for 2022 intake must express their interest by completing the online form by 21 December 2021 (<https://bit.ly/iismahostreg>). The form will go live on 31 October 2021. In summary, Expression of Interest should cover six items as follows:

- Cover letter

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- The programme offered by the university including brief overview, enrolment requirements, course description, explanation how the course will contribute to enhancing students' skills, expected output, and indicative timetable. Please see Ministry's ppt for sample of current programme overview.
  - Benefits for Indonesian students including confirmation that university is able to provide transcript, certificate of participation and student progress report issued upon completion.
  - Key people including their roles and responsibilities in the programme
  - Budget
  - Contact person

## Contact Person

If you have any question regarding this opportunity, please contact the Ministry directly by email at [beasiswa.iisma@gmail.com](mailto:beasiswa.iisma@gmail.com). Please also cc your questions to British Council Indonesia at [ihe.indonesia@britishcouncil.or.id](mailto:ihe.indonesia@britishcouncil.or.id) so that we can help in getting the answer from the Ministry.

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