

CaRED Programme Grant is Re-opened

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Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) of New Zealand have initiated a partnership cooperation to support Indonesia's sustainable development in the form of funding assistance for lecturers or researchers in the UGM programme *UGM Community Resilience and Economic Development (CaRED) Programme*. CaRED Programme has the theme of *Strengthening engagement between UGM and NZ Institutions on research-based education implemented in economic development, disaster risk management, human crises, conflict prevention, and renewable energy to raise sustainable development of the Eastern Indonesia*.

Putri from CaRED Secretariate said the programme started back in 2014, lasting until 2018 with the priority area of Eastern Indonesia. In the first year up to four researches had been funded while in 2015 there were five.

"This year the CaRED programme is reopened," said Putri in a press release on Wednesday (13/1).

Putri said that to follow up the first and second round programme, this year Call for Proposal was opened that focused on research-based community development, starting 5 October 2015 to 31 January 2016 for implementation in May 2016.

The grants earmarked for each year and each proposal are: *Sustainable Economic and Livelihood Opportunity (SELO)*: up to Rp650,000,000/proposal; *Human Crises and Conflict Prevention (HCCP)*: up to Rp550,000,000/proposal; *Disaster Risk Management (DRM)*: up to Rp850,000,000/proposal, and *Renewable Energy (RE)*: up to Rp 850,000,000/proposal.

"There are three activities to be integrated by the proposers of each topic: Research-based Community Development, Training and Workshop, and Technical Assistance," she added.

This cooperation emphasises on participation from partners of both New Zealand and Indonesian insititutions, including from government agencies, universities, industry, community and NGOs.

Generally, this programme is expected to encourage an increased direct public benefit that is implemented in the income generating through commodities/services empowerment based on SMEs, creation and use of energy for people welfare, and strengthening of readiness and capacity of society in disaster mitigation in Eastern Indonesia.

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