

A Family to Study at UGM at the Same Time

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Studying at a college is a dream for many people. Studying at national university like Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) is surely a pride for the family of Mukijab, resident of Patangpuluhan kampong in Yogyakarta. All three family members have been admitted at UGM for the same study period.

Mukijab's second daughter, Qotru Alnaday, has been accepted at Dental Treatment of Faculty of Dentistry UGM. His oldest daughter, Rizqa Salsabila Firdausia, has passed selection to Pharmacy science graduate programme UGM. Mukijab himself has been accepted at doctoral programme in Sociology at UGM.

"This must be the grand scenario of Allah. I hope all of us can finish this mandate to the end," said Mukijab recently.

Mukijab is a journalist of *Pikiran Rakyat* Bandung as well as visiting lecturer at a private university in Yogyakarta. Obviously, he did not expect that along with his daughters, he would be studying at UGM at the same time.

"I had not planned to be studying together with my children at the same university, seems like impossible things to happen," he said.



On how he would fund the expenses for the three of them, he said he would have to beat his brains out to resolve. Since he is almost 50 years old, he cannot get scholarships as they do not give funding to people like him. So, he would work really hard to get a scholarship and funding resources for the three of them from other agencies that would be willing to help out.

“I can only try and pray that Allah will grant us a fortune to fund our studies. I believe God does not sleep,” he said.

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