

# New Rector To Bring UGM to Top 500 Universities

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Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) will host elections of new rector for the period of 2017-2022. It starts with selection of candidates with the registration opening on 16 January to 17 February 2017.

Chairman of rector selection committee, Prof. Dr. Ir. Indarto, DEA., said the elected rector would be expected to be able to bring UGM institution into Best World 500 Universities and this would be one of the main challenges facing the new rector.

“Currently, UGM is in the 501 ranks of world universities. The new rector has to be able to bring UGM into the top 500,” he said on Thursday (12/1) in a press conference at the office of Board of Trustees at UGM Main Office.

Furthermore, the elected rector would be expected to give real contributions to address various state problems and make breakthroughs that are beneficial to the interest of the society, the state, and the nation.

These are all in line with the UGM policy on Tridharma higher learning principle for the period of



2012-2037 that is directed towards realising UGM as world class university that is also innovative in renewing education, research and community services along with the development of science and technology.

“The new rector is expected to be able to work together with the deans of faculties, working in synergy with them to explore existing potential,” he said.

Secretary of the selection committee, Prof. Dr. Totok Gunawan, M.S., said the selection and election of new rectors will be done in stages, starting from candidates selection by the committee, plenary meeting by the Academic Senate, and election and appointment of rector in an open plenary meeting by the Board of Trustees.

“There are 11 criteria of prerequisites to be met by the rector candidates,” he added. The criteria include having Indonesian nationality, being civil servant lecturer or university staff lecturer, holding doctoral degree, and under 60 years of age when inaugurated as rector, having commitment in sustaining and developing the UGM values and able to maintain unity and sustainability of the university. The full requirement can be seen at <http://seleksirektor.ugm.ac.id>.

“Elections will be conducted from 17-22 April and the new rector will be installed on 24 May 2017 at the latest,” he said.

On this issue, Dr. Arie Sudjito, one committee members, said UGM called its best people to participate in taking the strategic post of rector of UGM. He hoped the best rector who would be elected could bring UGM to the national even global level but still maintaining its roots in the local level.

Arie also mentioned the UGM commitment to be hosting a transparent and democratic rector election. The society may also participate in this process.

“We expect the society to also monitor the selection process of the rector candidates. The selection committee opens room for the society to observing the track records of the candidates,” he concluded.

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