

## UGM Students Join Young Leaders for Indonesia Wave 9

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Social and Political Sciences students of Universitas Gadjah Mada have been selected to join the *Young Leaders for Indonesia (YLI) Wave 9* program from June - November 2017.

They are Abdullah Faqih (Sociology class of 2014) and Irwan Harjanto (Government Studies class of 2013). Seven other students of Universitas Gadjah Mada have also joined the event.

YLI Wave 9 is a prestigious leadership development program in Indonesia supported by McKinsey & Company. The program has produced eight batches with the total alumni almost reaching 500 who now work in strategic sectors.

This year 60 Indonesian students are entitled to join YLI Wave 9 who are studying in Indonesia, Singapore, and Australia.

Abdullah said the struggle to join the YLI Wave 9 was not easy. He had to undergo a tight selection since February 2017, starting from essay writing on leadership, vision and mission to advance Indonesia in 2030 up to interviews with consultant from McKinsey & Company and partners.



“There are three major forums to join in this program, which are learning lead self, lead team, and lead change,” he said on Monday (20/11) at UGM.

Abdullah explained in the forum the participants learned how to lead themselves and make a personal development project. Next, they learned how to lead a team by dividing the participants in small groups to do a breakthrough leadership project (BLP) on a case affecting the client of McKinsey & Company. In the next forum they learned how to lead change where participants were given the opportunity to start a career professionally.

“To be selected as awardee of Young Leaders for Indonesia is a worthwhile experience. Through this program we learn experiences for self-development, career development and expand networking,” he said.

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