

# UGM Contingent Set to Compete in 31st National Scientific Week

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The *31st National Scientific Week* (PIMNAS) has commenced on Thursday (8/30) at the Sports Hall of Universitas Negeri Yogyakarta. In this competition, UGM has sent 13 teams of Student Creativity Program to compete in six categories.

“Some of the 13 teams have excellent contents. Hopefully, they can deliver a great presentation and earn gold medals,” said Head of UGM Student Creativity Sub-Directorate, Suherman, S.Si., M.Sc., Ph.D.

PIMNAS is a routine agenda of Directorate General of Learning & Student Affairs, Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education. The competition is divided into seven categories, which are Research (PKMP), Entrepreneurship (PKMK), Community Service (PKMM), Application of Technology (PKMT), Copyrighted Works (PKMKC), and Written Ideas (PKM GT).

This year, UGM assigns 4 teams of exact research, socio-humanities research one team, community service 4 teams, copyrighted works one team, and written ideas 2 teams. The assessment of each team is based on the posters and products displayed and presented in front of the judges.



Research, Technology, and Higher Education Minister, Prof. H. Mohamad Nasir, Ph.D., Ak., in his remarks congratulated all the students and mentors who made it to the height of PIMNAS after passing a number of rigorous selection process. The large number of proposals received, he said, indicates that many students are able to think creatively and innovatively to generate problem solving ideas.

On the same occasion, Rector of UNY, Prof. Dr. Sutrisna Wibawa, M.Pd., as the host, explained that PIMNAS aims to be a media and platform of communication for Indonesian students, provide opportunities for the development of student potential in scientific activities, sharpen knowledge and creativity in the development of science, technology, and art, as well as to increase students' bargaining position in the community.

Additionally, PIMNAS also provides feedback on the teaching-learning process in universities, improves students' skills in delivering their intellectual work in scientific forums, and strengthens academic cooperation relations in the framework of Indonesia.

"This year's 31st PIMNAS carries the theme Shaping Excellent, Creative, and Innovative Indonesian Students Based on Faithfulness, Independence, and Intelligence in Diversity Framework. This theme holds noble values and enthusiasm that Indonesian students must possess in the millennial era," the Rector added.

To the participants, he advised that the competition should be done fairly and honestly, making this year's PIMNAS a competitive, creative, innovative, and solutive event, while still promoting the spirit of solidarity and unity.

The 31st PIMNAS in 2018 is attended by 1,523 students joining in 440 teams of Student Creativity Program from 136 Indonesian universities. Aside from students, the competition will be attended by PKM supervising lecturers, university leaders, jury and central committee teams, and contingent supporters. Assessment of PKM posters and products will be done on Thursday afternoon, while presentations will be made by each team from the same day to Friday night.

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