

## UGM Archivist is National Best Archivist 2019

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Staff from Archives UGM, Uly Isnaeni Effendi, A.Md., S.E., M.Sc, was happy to be named the winner of *Outstanding Staff Award* at a national competition in the category of archivist 2019, held by Research, Technology and Higher Education Ministry.

"I still can't believe it that I have won. I joined the competition because I had been appointed by UGM along with my colleagues," she said at the office of UGM Archives on Wednesday (30/10).

Uly said she went to the national competition after becoming the *Best Archivist of UGM 2018*. Uly explained the national event was joined by tens of archivists from Indonesian universities. There were 10 finalists coming from UNY, UI, IPB, Politeknik Negeri Jakarta, Politeknik Negeri Lampung, Unibraw, UNS, UGM, Unpad, and UPI.

Afterwards, to select three winners, the finalists had to undergo a series of assessments such as cognitive test, innovative works, presentation, Leaderless Group Discussion and competence test. These resulted in the winners being first Uly Isnaeni Effendi (UGM), second Rama Nararya Anuraga (UNS), and third Wawat Setiawati (Universitas Padjajaran).



“The points to be assessed in the competition were many, including education and training, occupation, awards, creative and innovative works, archiving reports, profile video, professional membership, and scientific papers,” she explained.

Ully wrote a paper on giving information to society through archives. Besides, she has made archives index as an innovative work. For example, she had indexed the UGM Rector Annual Report dating back from 1965.

“The assessment also covers how to turn archives into information, such as making thematic archival guide, archival sources, etc,” she said.

Despite her initial unwillingness in archives, Ully has proved that by persistence one can achieve an outstanding success. She has earned a number of awards, including winners of national scientific paper *ANRI 2012*, runner-up of *Best Archivist 2013* from Culture and Education Ministry, runner-up of *Archivist of UGM 2015*, and *Best Archivist of UGM 2018*.

With these awards, she hoped she would be more motivated to develop herself, learning many things that support archiving as she thought that becoming a winner comes with a responsibility.

“Initially, I didn’t really like archiving. But after a while, I found out that archives cover a broad dimension. Archiving allowed me to take my graduate degree, know many people, and even taught archiving affairs at a diploma programme. Now I can share the knowledge of being an archival practitioner with you all,” she said.

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