

# New Student Orientation Underway, UGM Welcomes 9,120 Freshmen

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Welcoming the new academic year, Universitas Gadjah Mada organizes a two-week new student induction program (PPSMB) starting from 2-14 August. The opening ceremony took place online Monday (2/8) and was attended by two Indonesian Ministers, namely Minister of State Secretary Pratikno and Minister of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology Nadiem Makarim.

“We are proud to welcome you, *Gadjah Mada Muda*, to our campus, Universitas Gadjah Mada. You are of the exceptional and chosen young generation,” said UGM Rector Professor Panut Mulyono.

In his remarks, Professor Panut encouraged the incoming students to develop their interests and talents and improve their potential through various creations and innovations. He advised young people to participate in academic and non-academic activities, as many as they could manage, to challenge all UGM academics to achieve more and make the nation proud even in a tough situation like the COVID-19 pandemic.

“As you are now officially a part of the UGM family, you have a responsibility to do Indonesia proud. Do what you can to serve the country and contribute to society wherever you are, without forgetting

the values and identity of Universitas Gadjah Mada,” said the Rector.

UGM Vice-Rector for Education, Teaching, and Student Affairs Professor Djagal Wiseso Marseno said UGM accepted 9,120 new students this year, with 7,798 students belonging to undergraduate programs and 1,412 to applied bachelor’s program. Apart from within the country, the university also admitted students from abroad, such as Iran, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, etc., for both undergraduate and double degree programs. The youngest student of this cohort was Mutiara Anindyana Hapsari, 15, from the Faculty of Pharmacy.

“22.6% of students accepted receive tuition assistance from the government,” said Djagal.

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