

## MY JOURNEY AS AN IISMA AWARDEE AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



## TODAY'S AGENDA

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- IISMA Registration Phase
- Pre-Departure
- A Journey as a Visiting Student at MSU
- Awardees' Assignments





APPLICATION SUBMISSION RESULT ANNOUNCEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE & INTERVIEW ASSESSMENT

## ELIGIBILITY

- Enrolled as an active undergraduate Indonesian student of recognized universities in Indonesia during application and the program
- WNI, domiciled in Indonesia, do not have dual citizenship
- 4th-6th semester student at the time of the program
- Max. 22 years old when registering for IISMA
- Never take college leave
- Not a dual degree student
- Never participated in a physical mobility/exchange program
- Have adequate English Proficiency with minimum score as mentioned before
- Nominated by your home university







## PRE-DEPARTURE THINGS TO PREPARE!

· VALID PASSPORT (MINIMUM 6 MONTHS OF VALIDITY BEYOND PERIOD OF STAY)

- PASSPORT AND VISA PHOTO
- OFFICIAL IISMA DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED IN DMS (COMMITMENT LETTER, PARENTS STATEMENT, SPTJM ETC.)
- OFFICIAL MSU DOCUMENTS (I-20/DS-2019 AND LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE)
- APPLYING FOR US STUDENT VISA (BRIEF STEPS) :
- 1. FILL DS-160 FORM ACCORDINGLY

2. PAY FOR SEVIS

3. SCHEDULE INTERVIEW APPOINTMENT AT THE EMBASSY

4. COME 20 MINS EARLY MINIMUM FOR YOUR INTERVIEW

• PACKING FOR YOUR SEMESTER EXCHANGE !

TIP: DO NOT OVERPACK AND ONLY BRING WHAT IS NECESSARY, READ GUIDELINES ON PROHIBITED ITEMS HTTPS://WWW.CBP.GOV/TRAVEL/US-CITIZENS/KNOW-BEFORE-YOU-GO/PROHIBITED-AND-RESTRICTED-ITEMS

## COURSES

- Women and Health: Anthropological and
  International Perspectives
- The World of Media
- Human Capital and Society
- Women and Gender in Asia

## CLASSES

## CLUB



### **UNICEF** at MSU

### Trick or Treat for UNICEF





CHICAGO





### WASHINGTON D.C.









### NEW YORK

# AWARDEES' ASS/GNMENTS



## THANK YOU :)





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### WHAT ARE WE GOING TO TALK ABOUT?



#### **REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS** All related documents that are required to register in IISMA Program



**ESSAYS** The essay questions, rules, and tips-tricks to make good essays



#### ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST

What kind of EPTs are accepted in IISMA, pro-cons, and tips-tricks doing the test



### INTERVIEW

Phase two selection: Interview. What will be asked, and how to leave a good impression during the interview session

### NOT CONFIRMED YET: -> Required Documents

### REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS



- Recommendation letter from home university
- EPT Certificate (IELTS/TOEFL iBT/Duolingo English Test
- Academic Transcript
- CV
- Certificates

WHAT'S (POSSIBLY) NEW IN 2022?

- Birth Certificate
- Drug-Free Certificate
- Statement letter of not receiving a scholarship from Dirjen Dikti or an international mobility/exchange program from other fundings
- Statement letter of never being involved and suspected of being involved in sexual harassment

Prepare the required documents below before you apply!

- 1. Recommendation letter from home university in Indonesia
- English proficiency certificate (IELTS, TOEFL-iBT, Duolingo)
- 3. Academic transcript (in English)
- 4. Birth Certificate
- 5. Drug-Free (Certificate/Statement Letter
- 6. Identity Card (Kartu Tanda Penduduk)
- Statement letter of not receiving a scholarship from Directorate General of Higher Education, Indonesia or an international mobility/exchange program from other fundings
- Statement letter of never being involved and suspected of being involved in sexual harassment

## **PROS AND CONS**

### ELTS

#### PROS:

- Accepted in all host universities
- Can be used for Master degree

#### CONS

- Expensive
- Test result in 1-2 weeks
- Certificate can be taken after 2-4 weeks



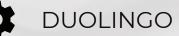
### TOEFL IBT

#### PROS:

- Accepted in all host universities
- Can be used for Master degree

#### CONS

- Expensive
- Test result in 1-2 weeks
- Certificate can be taken after +-1 month



#### PROS:

- Relatively cheaper
- Test results in 48 hours (at max)
- Online test

#### CONS

- Very strict rules
- Not all host universities accept DET



Discuss your past academic achievements, including the process and skills involved in your previous or current degree program!

Please outline your plans to engage with local and international communities during IISMA program using clear examples!

Discuss a time when you faced a difficult academic challenge or hurdle and how you navigated through it!

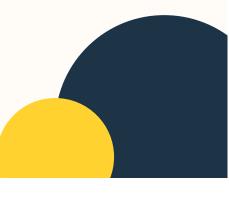
How will this program (Merdeka Belajar Kampus Merdeka and IISMA program in particular) help you to achieve your immediate goals and how can you contribute back to this program?



- Use a STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Result) Method and SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-based) Goals
- Make it personal

ESSAYS

- Have someone to proofread and review your essays before you submit your application
- Highlight your contribution to IISMA, home university, and country



### HOW TO CHOOSE A HOST UNIVERSITY

### 1. DO THE RESEARCH

- Does your chosen university accept your EPT?
- Are you also interested in the country's culture?
- How long is one semester/one term in your chosen university?
- Will you feel comfortable staying there for a period amount of time?

### 2. COURSES

- Are you interested in the offered courses?
- Have you checked the course description on the university website?
- Do you think you can perform well in the courses (both during the classes and the exam)?

### **3. CONTACT THE ALUMNI**

- How's the campus life and classes run?
- Can you join student clubs at the university?
- Is there any chance for you to take other courses outside of the offered ones after you get selected?
- Does the university accept awardees with non-linear backgrounds, or does it have to have some similarities with the major in the home university?
- Ask them what courses they recommend to take.

# LINKS

## https://bit.ly/Dea-IISMA

- IISMA life at the University of York
- IISMA life at the University of Warsaw
- English Practice

## https://bit.ly/Nurjihan-IISMA

- IISMA 2021 related files
- IISMA 2022 booklet
- This PPT

For further questions, feel free to reach me out through:



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