Frans Seda Foundation 2018-2019
Twin Scholarship Program
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1. Letter from the President

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this foreword for the 2019 twin scholarship program of the Frans Seda Foundation. Some people have led such an inspiring life that it is hard to capture their achievements and their impact in a few sentences. Frans Seda certainly is one of those. Often described as a bridge builder, Seda devoted his life to bringing together the differences between both Indonesia and The Netherlands. And he wasn’t simply philosophical about it: he acted upon it, by all means possible.

The logo of the Foundation depicts the Suramadu bridge (which connects the islands of Java and Madura), a tribute to Frans Seda; a bridge builder between ethnic groups, religions, cultures and countries. His dedication was to give a voice for minority groups, and empower them with necessary tools to create a better life. He strived after good education for all children regardless religion, descent, colour or social position and he aspired to realize social justice for all. Based on that spirit the Twin Scholarship Program was born, created to ensure his legacy continues.

Over the past five years, 26 students have been recipients of the scholarship. This year, we will offer another six students, three Indonesian and three Dutch, a once in a lifetime opportunity to become part of the program, As a Frans Seda student you will receive a grant to conduct your research during a three months period at either the Tilburg University, the Atma Jaya Catholic University or the University of Indonesia.

During your journey, you will undergo many new experiences, in both studying and living in a foreign country. You will encounter people from different social and cultural backgrounds, explore new environments, and face challenges that will broaden your view of the world and will contribute to your personal development. You will make new friends and gain many valuable lessons while learning more about yourself.

We hope that you will enrich your perspectives by sharing different concerns, views, problems and challenges, through open discussions with local students, and by looking for new synergies between Indonesia and The Netherlands.

We expect you to do so in the spirit of Frans Seda.

On behalf of the Board of our Foundation I wish you a fruitful, authentic and enjoyable time abroad. I sincerely hope the results will remain with you as a memory of a very special journey, be it in Indonesia or The Netherlands.

Salam hangat dan semoga sukses

Anindita Sitepu
President of the Frans Seda Foundation
2. Frans Seda Foundation
Franciscus Xaverius Seda, commonly known as Frans Seda, was born on the island of Flores in 1926. When he passed away at the age of 83 in 2009, Frans Seda was commemorated for his many accomplishments in life as politician, minister (four times), diplomat, presidential advisor, successful businessman, Catholic church activist, university board member and founder of the economic faculty of Atmajaya University in Jakarta. Part of his own education was on Dutch schools: both the MULO in Muntilan and HBS in Surabaya, as well as the Tilburg University where he graduated in 1956.

In 2012, members of the Tilburgs Student Fraternity I.K.S. of which Frans Seda was a member, founded the Frans Seda Foundation in order to commemorate the life and teachings of its namesake. The overall goal of the foundation is to promote and organise joined Indonesian-Dutch academic activities which study, spread and put into action the philosophy of Frans Seda on pursuing global common good and social justice.

Having published an encompassing biography of Frans Seda, the foundation currently organises the following activities:

- an annual Frans Seda lecture, both in Indonesia and the Netherlands;
- multiple research scholarships for master students in Indonesia and the Netherlands in the field of civil society development;
- an annual multi-day seminar for inspiring young leaders from Indonesia and the Netherlands.
- quarterly gatherings for FSF alumni

More information on the Frans Seda Foundation can be found on www.franssedafoundation.com

3. Twin Scholarship
Through the Twin Scholarship Program, the Foundation aims to preserve and disseminate the ideas of Frans Seda. Annually, six students from Indonesia and the Netherlands are enabled by the Foundation to conduct their Master research in Indonesia or the Netherlands. The scholarship awardees are encouraged to work together and support their foreign counterpart with their research. Since the start of the Twin Scholarship Program, 26 students have received a grant from the Foundation and conducted their research throughout Indonesia and the Netherlands.

4. Criteria

1. **University:** The applicant must be a Dutch or Indonesian Master student at Tilburg University, Atma Jaya Catholic University or the University of Indonesia.
2. **Research topic:** The research topic of Dutch applicants **must** be related to Indonesia while the research topic for Indonesian applicants **must** be related to the Netherlands. The research topic should also be in line with the philosophy of Frans Seda’s pursuit of social justice and global common good and the Sustainable Development Goals.
3. **Language requirements:** The applicant must have passed an English language test such as IELTS or TOEFL or have graduated from a bachelor’s degree that was taught in English. The required scores are at least 550 (paper based) or 213 (internet based) for TOEFL. For IELTS a score of at least 6 is required.
4. **Age:** The applicant should preferably not be older than the age of 30 while applying for the scholarship.
5. Conditions

a) **Preparation;** Awardees are required to attend all pre-departure briefing(s) at their home university and the on-arrival briefing at their host university.

b) **Thesis;** Awardees are required to publish the results of their research on the Frans Seda Foundation website, including an abstract written in English.

c) **Article;** Awardees are required to publish an article related to their research in a reputable medium (print or online).

d) **Financial report;** Awardees are required to hand in a financial report to the Frans Seda Foundation explaining their expenditure.

e) **Evaluation;** Awardees are required to attend an evaluation meeting and present their results and experiences to the Frans Seda Foundation.

f) **Promotion;** Awardees are required to write an article about their experiences for the Frans Seda Foundation website and submit posts for the Frans Seda Foundation's social media channels.

g) **Alumni Network;** As an alumni of the Twin Scholarship Program, awardes are required to share their experiences with future awardees at the pre-departure and on-arrival briefings of the next batch.

6. Application Process

Step 1  Twin Scholarship Program open for applications (3 September 2018)

Step 2  Applicants must submit the first part (Phase 1) of their application before 1 November 2018 via www.fransosedafoundation.com/TS19-1

Step 3  FSF affiliated Professors Herman Beck at Tilburg University, Mikhael Dua at Atma Jaya Catholic University and Ricardi Adnan at the University of Indonesia will make a shortlist of potential awardees before 3 December 2018.

Step 4  Shortlisted applicants will be contacted on 3 December 2018. The shortlisted applicants will be invited for an interview with board members of the Frans Seda Foundation before 18 January 2019.

Step 5  The applicant will be informed on 1 February 2019 regarding the decision of the board of the Frans Seda Foundation about whether or not the applicant is granted with an FSF Twin Scholarship.

Step 6  Awardees must submit the second part (Phase 2) of their application before 1 March 2019 via www.fransosedafoundation.com/TS19-2

7. Amount

The scholarship program provides grants up to € 4,000,- for Dutch students and up to € 6,000,- for Indonesian students. The funds of the FSF Twin Scholarship Program will be transferred in threefold to the personal bank accounts of the students. We expect all students to submit a mid-term financial statement during their field study and a final financial statement after they have returned home. In addition, we expect that the unused part of the scholarship will be transferred back to our account so that we may use it for other students in the future.

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8. Timeline 2018-2019

* Subject to change at any time

For All Students:

03-09-2018 Open for applications
01-11-2018 Deadline for applications
03-12-2018 Announcement shortlisted applicants
18-01-2019 Deadline for interview with FSF board members
01-02-2019 Announcement awarded applicants
01-03-2019 Deadline for all required documents

For Dutch students:

15-02-2019 1st pre-departure meeting for Dutch students at Tilburg University
15-03-2019 2nd pre-departure meeting for Dutch students at Tilburg University
05-04-2019 On-arrival meeting for Dutch students at Atma Jaya Catholic University
Apr-Jun ’19 Research period in Indonesia
14-06-2019 Progress meeting at the University of Indonesia
31-08-2019 Deadline for financial report
13-09-2019 Research result presentations at Tilburg University
14-02-2020 1st pre-departure meeting for 2019-2020 students at Tilburg University
13-03-2020 2nd pre-departure meeting for 2019-2020 students at Tilburg University

For Indonesian students:

15-02-2019 1st pre-departure meeting for Indonesian students at Atma Jaya Catholic University
15-03-2019 2nd pre-departure meeting for Indonesian students at the University of Indonesia
05-04-2019 Welcoming the Dutch students at Atma Jaya University
May-Jul ’19 Research period in the Netherlands
14-07-2019 Progress meeting at Tilburg University
31-08-2019 Deadline for financial report
13-09-2019 Research result presentations at Atma Jaya Catholic University
14-02-2020 1st pre-departure meeting for 2019-2020 students at Atma Jaya Catholic University
13-03-2020 2nd pre-departure meeting for 2019-2020 students at the University of Indonesia
9. Twin Scholarship Alumni

Should you have any questions about the FSF Twin Scholarship Program you can always contact one of our alumni or read about their experiences on our website: [www.franssedafoundation.com](http://www.franssedafoundation.com)

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10. Testimonial - Haryani Primanti: The Netherlands was amazing!

I still remember clearly how happy I was when I was told by one of my university staff that I was awarded a Twin Scholarship from Frans Seda Foundation, after a long assessment process at Universitas Indonesia. I always wanted to go abroad and gain new perspectives but I have never got the opportunity to do so, thus for me, being an exchange student for three months is like a dream come true.

I was sent to Tilburg University to learn more about my thesis and conduct my research there. I was introduced to professors and lecturers who are all experts in their own fields, to help and supervise my research while I was in the Netherlands. They all have helped me a lot and given me valuable input for my research. Even until now, I am still in contact and in a good relationship with all of them.

My overall experience in Netherlands was amazing! Not only did I get the chance to gain insights for my research from the Netherlands people, the three months experience also changed my perspectives on so many things.

I have met new friends, learnt new culture, discovered more about myself. I have gained many valuable lessons that I could not get if I hadn’t got the chance to interact with people from different backgrounds and culture.

Many thanks to Frans Seda Foundation for giving me chances to experience new culture, new tastes, new perspectives! I came back a different person, in a better kind of way.

Haryani together with fellow Frans Seda students Okki and Suwarni at an evaluation meeting with the board of the Frans Seda Foundation at Tilburg University
11. Testimonial - Myrthe de Vlieger: A dream come true!

I clearly remember the moment when my professor introduced the Frans Seda Foundation to us. I knew it immediately, I would love to conduct research about Indonesia! Some classmates turned around at the time and pointed at me, “this sounds like a research for you Myrthe!” . Sometime later I got the news that I was selected to go, I was extremely happy about it.

I went to Indonesia for a period of five months, of which I spent two months in Jakarta and three months in Ambon, Maluku. I find it important to learn about the culture, the language and the local people while being abroad and especially while conducting research abroad. This is why I decided to stay for the maximum period possible for my studies.

Indonesia and the Indonesian people I met were truly amazing. The people are so friendly, polite, caring and open. I often got invited to people’s homes where I got offered so much delicious Indonesian food that I could hardly finish it. When I went home I often got surprised with food again, this time to take home. This was so kind of them, I surely never went home hungry. Furthermore, I always got blown away by the beautiful mountains, jungle and beaches in Indonesia, a landscape that is so much different from the Netherlands.

I also faced some funny challenges. Locals would often burst out laughing while I was attempting to cross the streets in Jakarta for example, and offer to cross it together with me. In Maluku eating Papeda was quite a challenge. It would usually result in a situation where everyone in the room would stop what they were doing in order to see me eat it. All eyes on me, I was convinced my smile hid my struggle, but when everyone started to laugh I understood that it clearly did not.

My research is about the freedom of religion for the indigenous Nuaulu pupils at a Junior High School in Maluku. Living in a village of an indigenous group had always been one of my dreams and now came true. My translator and I were hosted by a lovely Nuaulu family, we all got along very well. It was a truly unique experience, besides my research I for instance helped preparing copra from coconuts and I got to witness traditional rituals! The people in the village were all very open and helpful towards my research.

All of this would not have been possible without the Frans Seda Foundation, thank you for this wonderful opportunity! Terima kasih banyak.
12. Contact Information

For general questions regarding the FSF Twin Scholarship Program please contact Rennie Roos. For specific questions related to your research topic or about studying abroad please contact the affiliated professor at your home university or your International Office.

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13. APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST PHASE 1

FSF will notify all applicants of receipt of their application by email. We will endeavour to notify you of the invitation for an interview or otherwise of your application by 3 December 2018. Please submit the first part (Phase 1) of your application via www.franssedafoundation.com/TS19-1 before 1 November 2018.

**FSF Forms Checklist:**

1. Personal Details
2. Language Test Results
3. Statement of Purpose
4. Research Proposal
5. Curriculum Vitae

**Deadline for applications:** 1 November 2018

1. **PERSONAL DETAILS**

   Please make sure to submit all the required personal details on www.franssedafoundation.com/TS19-1

2. **Language Test Results**

   Please submit a copy of your language certificate. The applicant must have passed an English language test such as IELTS or TOEFL or have graduated from a bachelor’s degree that was taught in English. The required scores are at least 550 (paper based) or 213 (internet based) for TOEFL. For IELTS a score of at least 6 is required. If your TOEFL/IELTS result is not yet available, please notify the FSF Coordinator of the date by which it will be available.

3. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

   Please submit a one-page statement (max. 500 words) outlining why you are applying to participate in the FSF Twin Scholarship Program. You should indicate:

   - The benefits you expect to gain from participation in the FSF Twin Scholarship Program
   - How these benefits relate to your academic and career aspirations
   - Why you expect to be able to adjust successfully to academic study in Indonesia or the Netherlands and the physical and emotional demands that you perceive the FSF Twin Scholarship Program may entail

4. **RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

   Please submit a research proposal (max. 1000 words) outlining the issue you are examining and why it is significant and related to the criteria set by FSF and its partner universities.

5. **CURRICULUM VITAE**

   Please submit a one-page curriculum vitae.