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Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab Indonesia Research Fellowships, 2009-2010

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) in partnership with the World Bank and supported by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Jakarta, is pleased to offer one year-long research fellowships for the year 2009-2010 open to young Indonesian researchers. The fellowships will provide opportunities to participate in rigorous academic research related to governance and development in Indonesia. All applications are due by **20 May 2009**.

These fellowships will provide a rare opportunity for individuals to build their knowledge base through on-the-job training working alongside J-PAL and World Bank staff and through regular long-distance communication with J-PAL-affiliated faculty researchers, including development economists from some of the top US-based universities such as MIT and Harvard.

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab is a leading research institute based at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the United States and serves as a focal point for development and poverty research based on [randomized trials](#). J-PAL works with NGOs, international organizations, government institutions and others to evaluate programs and disseminate the results of high quality research. J-PAL's work includes projects in over 15 countries, including Indonesia. More information about J-PAL's work can be found on the J-PAL website (www.povertyactionlab.org).

J-PAL has been working in Indonesia since 2002, and has conducted randomized experiments studying corruption in Javanese village road projects; village-level decision making in Java, Southeast Sulawesi, and North Sumatra; and improving health and education in Java, North Sulawesi, and NTT. The research fellows will work on designing new J-PAL research projects in Indonesia, including evaluating the impact of cost-sharing schemes on village effectiveness, developing improved fisheries management practices, and using incentives to improve traffic enforcement. For further information on J-PAL's activities and programs in Indonesia, please visit the website: www.povertyactionlab.org/indonesia.

Fellowship Descriptions

The fellows will work full-time (minimum of 40 hours per week) and will be based at the World Bank Office in Jakarta. They will work side-by-side with international J-PAL researchers.

Fellows will be involved in the following types of activities:

- Designing survey questionnaires and research strategy
- Assisting with the research design of the projects
- Writing drafts and reports
- Overseeing project implementation in the field
- Conducting interviews for the research
- Translating research documents
- Supervision of surveys and experiments in the field
- Data analysis
- Coordination with government counterparts
- Overall project and administrative support
- Other responsibilities as needed

Desirable skills for the position:

- Applicants must have a Bachelor's degree (S1) or Master's degree (S2) in Economics, Public Policy, International Affairs, or a related field, and should ideally demonstrate an interest in pursuing a PhD. Overseas S2 graduates are preferred although S1 graduates with high qualifications are also encouraged to apply.
- Strong writing skills in English is an advantage; some experience in data analysis, survey work, or other research assistant work is preferred.
- Fellows must be willing to travel frequently to the field outside of Jakarta, including rural areas of Indonesia.

Junior Fellows will work from June 2009 through May2010. Applicants who are unable to begin working until after June 2009 due to current enrollment in university will also be considered.

Application Process

All applicants must send:

- (1) Application form (Form attached)
- (2) Personal statement of interest (no more than 500 words, in English)
- (3) Curriculum vitae (CV)
- (4) Writing sample (English or Bahasa Indonesia, not to exceed 10 pages)
- (5) Two letters of recommendation

Please send all materials by email to indonesia-fellows@povertyactionlab.org. Please send all materials (except letters of recommendation) in a single email. Letters of recommendation should be sent electronically by recommenders to the same email address.

Short-listed candidates will be contacted individually by 27th May, 2009 in order to schedule a follow-up interview as a final stage in the application process. We apologize that we will be able to contact only short-listed candidates.

Please visit www.povertyactionlab.org/indonesia for more information regarding registration and the course. If you have further questions after thoroughly reviewing the information on the website, contact Ms.Prani Sastiono at indonesia-fellows@povertyactionlab.org