Designing an Indonesian pascasarjana site worth enrolling in

The single highest-leverage UX move for an Indonesian private pascasarjana site is to answer four questions — "Am I eligible, how much, when does it start, how do I apply?" — above the fold, in Bahasa Indonesia, with a WhatsApp fallback one tap away. Every other recommendation in this report flows from that. Graduate-school web traffic in Indonesia is overwhelmingly mobile (mobile download speed median 29 Mbps, DataReportal 98.1% of internet users use chat/messaging monthly, Scribd per DataReportal Digital 2025: Indonesia), and 48% of users fail to find programs that universities actually offer when those programs are buried under faculty taxonomies nngroup (Nielsen Norman Group, "University Websites: Top 10 Design Guidelines," Sherwin 2016). The competitive gap is wide: top global schools (HBS, Stanford GSB, MIT Sloan, INSEAD, LBS, Oxford, NUS) use editorial, stat-forward, video-rich homepages with explicit cost/deadline/outcome disclosure; most Indonesian private pascasarjana sites still present a generic university homepage with the graduate program buried two clicks deep, tuition hidden behind a form, and a registration CTA that dumps the user into a Google Form without context. Closing even half this gap with a focused MVP — clear program cards, visible BAN-PT accreditation, transparent tuition ranges, a WhatsApp admissions channel, and a gracefully-wrapped Google Form — will measurably outperform the Indonesian private-university benchmark set. This report synthesizes 26 peer-reviewed and industry-standard findings, audits the best global and Indonesian precedents, and delivers a component-level build spec for a medium-MVP launch.

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1. Academic and research foundations

Nielsen Norman Group: the defining evidence base

NN/g's two major university-website studies — **Sherwin (2016) "University Websites: Top 10 Design Guidelines"** (57 sites, 33 users across four countries) nngroup and the **Kohler, Sherwin et al. (2020) 365-page University Websites report** (152 guidelines, 297 screenshots from 100+ universities in 19 countries) — converge on four findings that should govern an Indonesian pascasarjana build:

1. **48% of prospective students fail to find programs** nngroup the university actually offers, because programs are buried under college/school taxonomies unfamiliar to users. nngroup Surface a flat, searchable "Semua Program Magister/Doktor" list; never force users to guess which *fakultas* houses which program.
2. **Prospective students have four decision questions**: cost, programs offered, admission requirements/deadlines, outcomes. They abandon sites that hide these. "Good abandonment" (Google's featured snippet answers before they click) only happens if facts are structurally marked up.
3. **Both students and parents go straight to the Alumni/Outcomes section** nngroup to validate ROI before shortlisting. A dedicated *Tracer Study / Karir Pascasarjana* page is not

optional.

4. **Faculty pages are scrutinized more by grad prospects than undergrads** (Nielsen Norman Group) because they anticipate thesis supervision. Photo + research interests + recent publications + contact are minimum viable.

NN/g's broader "College Students on the Web" observational study (Loranger & Nielsen, 43 students, 217 sites) adds a blunt warning: **students are goal-oriented and reject flashy design** (nngroup) as "superficial and a waste (nngroup) of energy." Conventional navigation outperforms trendy animation.

Peer-reviewed research on grad-school choice and site usability

Poock (2003) in *College Student Journal* 37(2) — the single most grad-specific peer-reviewed study — found that **graduate prospects prioritize program descriptions, faculty research alignment, funding/assistantship info, and application process clarity**, distinct from undergraduates who weight campus life. Pascasarjana IA must foreground research areas, faculty expertise, *beasiswa*, and application process, and de-emphasize campus-life content.

Ihme et al. (2016) in *Research in Higher Education* 57, 1010–1030 demonstrated that **imagery signaling age diversity significantly increases perceived person-organization fit** (Springer) for older applicants. Because Indonesian pascasarjana students are typically 25–45 working professionals, hero imagery must depict adult learners, not 18-year-old undergraduates.

Joseph & Joseph (2000) in *International Journal of Educational Management* 14(1), specifically on Indonesian students, identified the dominant choice-stage factors as **program reputation, cost, location, facilities, marketing communications, and significant others** (CiteSeerX) (family, peers, employer). Translate that into site content: prominent akreditasi badges, transparent biaya, clear location/kelas karyawan information, and testimonials that speak to family/spouse concerns.

Yerlikaya & Onay Durdu (2017), a systematic review of 34 university-website usability studies, (Springer) concluded that **heuristic evaluation + small-n (5–8 user) testing catches the bulk of issues** — a defensible test protocol for a medium-MVP. **Manzoor et al. (2012)** and **Youngblood (2013)** both establish that **poor usability measurably undermines institutional credibility**; visual quality is not cosmetic for a private school competing with PTN reputation.

Behavioral and cognitive foundations

Iyengar & Lepper (2000) *J. Personality & Social Psychology* 79(6): the famous jam-display field experiment found a 6-option display produced ~10× the purchase conversion of a 24-option display. (Digitalwellbeing) (ResearchGate) Application: **chunk pascasarjana programs by bidang** (Bisnis & Manajemen, Teknik & Komputer, Sosial-Humaniora, Kesehatan) and surface 5–7 flagship programs; don't dump 40+ programs as a dropdown. Note the caveat from **Chernev, Böckenholt & Goodman's (2015)** meta-analysis that choice overload is moderated by task complexity (Substack) (Digitalwellbeing) — treat as directional.

Hick-Hyman Law (Hick 1952, Hyman 1953) argues decision time grows logarithmically with number of choices, Medium IxDF but **Liu, Guiard & Beaudouin-Lafon (2020, CHI)** show its HCI application is narrow — visual-search behavior dominates. ACM Digital Library Practical rule: primary nav ⩽ 7 items, grouped with visual hierarchy, not just fewer items.

Cialdini (1984/2016): social proof is amplified when it comes from "**multiple plus similar others.**" Asu For pascasarjana this means testimonials from working professionals in similar industries, enrollment counts ("3,200+ mahasiswa aktif"), alumni counts, partner-company logos, and authority signals KlientBoost Cognitigence (akreditasi Unggul, rankings).

Fogg (Stanford Persuasive Technology Lab, 2002–2003) established — across 4,500+ participants — that **46.1% of credibility judgments are driven by visual design alone**. Encyclopedia MDPI Credibility = trustworthiness × expertise. Simson Nielsen Norman Group His Prominence-Interpretation Theory adds that **trust signals must be prominent** to affect credibility; BAN-PT badges hidden in the footer have zero persuasive effect.

Chapman (1981) and **Hossler-Gallagher (1987)** three-phase model — Predisposition, Search, Choice ERIC — implies content must be segmented by stage: Predisposition content = "Why a master's? ROI / career outcomes"; Search = detailed program/faculty comparison facts; Choice = forms, deadlines, financial calculators, admissions WhatsApp. A single generic "Admissions" page serves none of the three well.

Indonesian digital context (decisive constraints)

DataReportal Digital 2025: Indonesia (Kemp, Feb 2025): 212 million internet users (74.6% penetration); ContentGrip 356 million mobile connections (125% of population); 96.4% broadband-capable; DataReportal **median mobile download 29.06 Mbps (+18.5%** DataReportal **YoY), fixed 32.05 Mbps.** DataReportal ContentGrip Daily time online ≈ 7h 38m. Perbanas

Digital 2024 Indonesia "Top Website Types": chat/messaging used by 98.1% of internet users monthly — the #1 digital activity, exceeding search engines (91.7%). Scribd WhatsApp is #1 most-used platform; Android users average **1,347 WhatsApp app sessions per month** vs. 373 TikTok, 347 Instagram. Scribd WhatsApp is not a "nice-to-have" channel — it is the de facto inbox of Indonesia.

APJII Survei Penetrasi 2024: 221.5 million users (79.5% penetration); Databoks Apjii Gen Z Databoks + Millennials are 65% of connected population Databoks — the exact pascasarjana target. **~45% of users spend Rp 50–100k/month on mobile data;** Indonesiabaik only ~22% have home WiFi. Indonesiabaik Page-weight budgets must be aggressive: target < 1 MB initial load, avoid autoplay video over cellular, use WebP, cache heavily.

Peer-reviewed Indonesian HE + WhatsApp: Mulyono, Suryoputro & Jamil (2021) *Heliyon* 7(8) and Rahmadi (2020) *IJIM* 14(13) both find **WhatsApp is "indispensable" in Indonesian higher education** ResearchGate — teaching, announcements, admin, admissions counseling.

Language context: Bahasa Indonesia dominates general consumption, but professional/grad audiences expect some English proficiency signals (international accreditation, journal links,

English-language program tracks). Language toggle is standard. **Default = Bahasa Indonesia**; provide EN toggle especially for research/faculty pages and international-student content.

WCAG 2.1 AA for higher education

The DOJ April 2024 ADA Title II rule makes **WCAG 2.1 AA the enforceable standard for US public universities from April 2026** Duane Morris LLP Oho (Duane Morris LLP alert 2024). Even where not legally binding in Indonesia, adopt AA as the baseline; it aligns with accreditation quality signaling. Highest-leverage fixes on Indonesian PTS sites specifically: `lang="id"` on the `<html>` element (and `lang="en"` on English blocks); Carnegie **4.5:1 contrast on body text** Ucla +2 (common failure: light-grey on white); visible focus rings on WhatsApp-CTA buttons; captions on promo videos; reflow at 320 CSS px for older Android phones (success criterion 1.4.10, new in 2.1). WCAG Pros **Do not** rely on accessibility overlays Genio (accessiBe, UserWay) — the DOJ and FTC have both flagged them as insufficient.

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2. Competitive UX audit — what top global schools do, and where Indonesia falls short

Top global grad schools — the patterns that actually win

I audited Harvard Business School, Harvard Kennedy School, Stanford GSB, MIT Sloan, Yale SOM, London Business School, INSEAD, IE Business School, Oxford Postgraduate, Cambridge Postgraduate, NUS, NTU, plus surveying Awwwards/Webby/CASE education winners. **No pure graduate-school site won a headline Awwwards Site of the Year or top-tier Webby in 2024–2025**; grad-school web excellence is recognized primarily through CASE Circle of Excellence (e.g., UCSF Magazine's 2024 Gold for online magazine; CASE UT Austin's 2025 Robert Sibley Magazine of the Year). CASE Web-design inspiration is therefore best drawn from the flagship grad-school sites themselves rather than a single award list.

Seven patterns consistently present on top global grad-school sites:

1. **A short, aspirational mission line paired with a one-sentence program descriptor.** INSEAD: "The Business School for the World." MBAGRADSCHOOLS LinkedIn Stanford GSB: "Change lives, change organizations, change the world." MIT Sloan: "Ideas Made to Matter." mit MIT Sloan LBS: "Academic expertise. Global perspective. Outstanding results." London Business School HBS: "to educate leaders who make a difference in the world." Harvard Business School +2 Every one is ⩽ 9 words. Every one is followed by program-specific copy.
2. **A "program-at-a-glance" stats bar** — typically 4–6 numbers. LBS: "2,000+ degree students from over 100 countries; 46,000+ alumni across 150 countries; 91% international MBA2026." Upenn HBS: "86,000+ alumni; class size 900+; 37% international, 44% women." Personal MBA Coach These stats live above the fold on program pages and are repeated on the homepage.

3. **Modular program entry points with filter/persona affordances.** HBS homepage splits MBA / Doctoral / Executive Education / Online as four top-level tiles. Stanford GSB offers MBA, MSx, PhD, LEAD Online, (Wikipedia) Exec Ed. (Wikipedia) (stanford) Oxford and Cambridge run **dedicated postgraduate microsites** (postgraduate.study.cam.ac.uk) with A–Z course lookup, filter by department, cycle-specific messaging ("2025–26 / 2026–27 applications open"). (University of Cambridge)
4. **Editorial storytelling as the homepage spine.** Kennedy School rotates features (AI explainers, Ken Burns talks, IOP Forum); Stanford GSB leads with Jensen Huang / Ro Khanna; (Stanford Graduate School ...) MIT Sloan integrates "Thinking Forward" newsletter (MIT Sloan) (mit) and *MIT Sloan Management Review*. **News isn't a side module — it's the homepage narrative.**
5. **Explicit financial-aid disclosure.** HBS publishes "average award of $47,000 per year" on its tuition page; (Harvard Business School) Stanford GSB publishes median loan burdens; most top sites publish both sticker price and average net cost. The pattern signals confidence, not cheapness.
6. **Three CTAs, always.** "Apply" / "Attend Event" / "Join Mailing List" (or "Request More Information"). The third captures leads who aren't ready for either of the first two.
7. **Clear split between marketing site and student portal.** Top sites place "Current Students" or "Log In" as a small utility link top-right (HBS, Stanford, MIT), never mixed into primary nav. The portal is its own world.

Standout innovations worth borrowing:

- **Oxford/Cambridge A–Z course finder** with filters (department, mode, year) — solves the "48% can't find the program" problem directly.
- **INSEAD multi-campus navigation** (Fontainebleau, Singapore, Abu Dhabi, San Francisco) (MBAGRADSCHOOLS +2) — a model for Indonesian universities with multiple campus cities.
- **IE Business School "Career Pathways"** — programs indexed not only by degree but by outcome.
- **LBS/HBS "Voices" blog modules** — short alumni first-person stories embedded on program pages, serving as context-specific social proof.
- **Cambridge's applicant self-service portal** integrated into the public site — cleaner than a separate login domain for prospective-stage interactions.

Indonesian pascasarjana benchmarks — the pattern, and the gap

From direct searches and available pages, the Indonesian private pascasarjana landscape clusters into three tiers:

Tier A — relatively modern, content-rich. BINUS Graduate Program (graduate.binus.ac.id) is the clearest positive benchmark: its stated positioning ("A world-class Graduate Program that

creates Leaders and Technopreneurs"), Graduate Program binus bilingual EN/ID content, BAN-PT Unggul accreditation prominently displayed, Binus +2 AACSB noted for BINUS Business School, BINUS visible structured program taxonomy (MTI, Magister Management, Master of Computer Science with sub-tracks Regular/Online/Fast Track/RPL), Binus published tuition ranges (Rp 25–45 M/semester Jago TPA surfaced in third-party content), Jago TPA Instagram integration (@binusgraduate, 22K followers). Instagram Instagram Prasetiya Mulya's SBE (prasetiyamulya.ac.id) leads with alumni testimonials by name/title/company and explicit MM program segmentation (Regular MM / Executive MM Business Management / Executive MM Strategic Management); Slideshare +4 its footer surfaces direct WhatsApp numbers (+62 813 9886 2005) Prasetiyamulya +2 and a Saturday walk-in window, Universitas Prasetiya Mulya a culturally-aligned trust pattern.

Tier B — dated but functional. UPH, Atma Jaya, Tarumanagara, Trisakti — sites exist, programs are listed, but often pascasarjana lives under the main university site rather than a dedicated microsite; navigation requires 2–3 clicks to reach a specific Magister program; tuition typically behind a form; faculty pages vary from well-built to bare directories.

Tier C — basic or broken. Smaller private institutions and some older PTN pascasarjana subdomains: outdated templates, PDF-heavy content (program brochures as the primary "detail"), Google Form registration with no context page, no mobile optimization.

Six common pitfalls across Indonesian pascasarjana sites:

1. **Pascasarjana treated as a sub-section of the parent university homepage** rather than its own destination. This conflicts with the Poock (2003) finding that graduate prospects have distinct information needs. *Fix: dedicated pascasarjana.yourdomain.ac.id or /pascasarjana with its own hero.*
2. **Tuition opacity.** "Untuk informasi biaya silakan hubungi admisi" is the default. Research consistently shows transparency outperforms opacity for mid-funnel conversion; Nielsen Norman Group Univ. of Dayton's full-cost disclosure was correlated with 90% retention in US data. University Business *Fix: publish a realistic range per program per semester, mention UKT + UKA structure, list scholarship options.*
3. **BAN-PT badge buried in the footer or absent.** This violates Fogg's Prominence-Interpretation Theory — non-prominent trust signals are non-existent. *Fix: show accreditation grade next to program name on every program card and at top of program pages.*
4. **Google Form redirect with no wrapper UX.** The user clicks "Daftar Sekarang" and finds themselves on Google Forms with no branding, no progress context, no return path. *Fix: intermediate "/daftar" page explaining steps, expected time (~10 min), documents to prepare, then a labelled external-link button.*
5. **Faculty pages as directories, not profiles.** Typical pattern: list of names with a .JPG thumbnail and maybe a PDF CV link. NN/g: grad prospects scrutinize faculty heavily. *Fix:*

per-faculty page with research interests as scannable tags, 3–5 recent publications with DOI/Scopus links, contact, and teaching.

6. **Outdated news (last post > 6 months old).** Fogg's credibility research: stale content drops credibility fast. *Fix: either keep news fresh monthly or remove the module.*

Culturally-specific patterns that DO work in Indonesia and should be preserved:

- **Floating WhatsApp button** with pre-filled message (see §5). Almost every functional Indonesian PTS site has one.
- **Brosur PDF download** — Indonesian prospects expect a downloadable brochure for sharing with spouse/employer/parents. Treat it as a lead magnet (email-gated optional).
- **Sambutan Rektor/Direktur Pascasarjana** — a traditional expected element; keep it, but make it short (< 200 words) and video-optional.
- **Jalur masuk / gelombang pendaftaran** — admission waves ("Gelombang 1 ditutup 31 Maret") (Paramadina +5) are an Indonesian convention (Untar) and effective scarcity signal.
- **Kelas karyawan / kelas eksekutif / kelas weekend** distinction (Universitas123) — critically important for working professional audience (S2 Mba) and must be surfaced early.

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3. User intent and mental-model mapping

Prospective-student intent (primary audience)

Mapped to Hossler-Gallagher stages and NN/g's four abandonment questions, the mental-model order is:

Intent	Mental-model query	Where they expect it
"What programs do you offer?"	Flat list by bidang	Primary nav "Program" → dropdown or landing
"Am I eligible?"	Entry requirements, S1 accredited, work experience?	Top of program page, "Persyaratan" section
"How much does it cost?"	Range in Rupiah per semester + total estimate	Above the fold on program page, never hidden
"When does it start? Can I still apply?"	Next gelombang deadline, intake month, duration	Program page hero + dedicated "Jadwal & Kalender"
"How do I apply?"	Steps, documents, fees, link to Daftar	Sticky CTA + dedicated /daftar page
"Is this legit?"	BAN-PT grade, years established, alumni count	Homepage stats bar + program-card accreditation chip
"Will this help my career?"	Tracer study, alumni placements, salary uplift if available	Dedicated "Karir & Alumni" + program-page outcomes block

"Aha moment": the prospective student sees their program, its accreditation grade, its cost range, and the next deadline in under 30 seconds — then the "Apply" or "Chat Admisi via WhatsApp" CTA feels earned, not pushy. **Time-to-value target: ⩽ 30 seconds on a 4G connection.**

Current-student intent

Current students arrive task-driven and in a hurry. Their intent order is: log in to portal → find schedule → find announcements → download material → contact dosen → event info. For the MVP the site must **make the portal login discoverable within 5 seconds on any page** (utility-nav top-right) and get out of the way. The "aha moment" is two-tap portal access from mobile. **Time-to-value target: ⩽ 5 seconds.**

Parent/family intent (important in Indonesian context)

Parents — and frequently spouses or employers — are tertiary decision-makers. Their intent: trust signals, reputation, outcomes, cost. The brochure download as a PDF they can WhatsApp-forward is their primary UX. The "Tentang / About Pascasarjana" page, with visible akreditasi, history, rektor/direktur message, and alumni placements, is aimed primarily at this audience, though they won't see it framed that way. **Time-to-value target: a brochure shareable on WhatsApp within 2 taps.**

Corporate and partner intent

Corporate HR (sponsoring employees), research partners, and executive-education buyers need: faculty research output, executive programs, partnership contacts, corporate training information. Low volume but high value. MVP: a single "Kemitraan / Partnership" page with email + WhatsApp contact and a downloadable kerjasama proposal template is sufficient. Research output can be a simple list of recent faculty publications on faculty profiles; a dedicated "Research" hub is a post-MVP upgrade.

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4. Recommended UX architecture

Primary navigation (7 items maximum, per NN/g and Hick-Hyman spirit)

The recommended top-level nav, in Bahasa Indonesia as default:

Beranda · Program · Pendaftaran · Fakultas · Riset & Publikasi · Tentang · Berita

Plus two utility items floated top-right: **[EN/ID toggle]** and **[Masuk Portal]**. The "Masuk Portal" link is deliberately small and visually distinct — it signals "this is for current students" without hijacking the marketing hero.

"Pendaftaran" gets its own top-level slot (not buried under "Program") because it is the single highest-intent destination. "Fakultas" (faculty/dosen) is its own slot because grad prospects disproportionately scrutinize faculty (Poock 2003, NN/g).

Homepage layout, section by section

Above the fold (mobile-first, 360×640 reference)

1. **Sticky header** (56 px height on mobile): logo left, hamburger right, EN/ID toggle, "Masuk Portal" as outlined button.
2. **Hero** (≈ 70% viewport height): institutional imagery (real students aged 25–40, per Ihme et al. 2016) or a 16:9 subtle background image, NOT an autoplay video on first load over cellular. Headline (H1) = program-level value proposition in 6–10 Bahasa words (e.g., *"Pascasarjana untuk Pemimpin Masa Depan Indonesia"* or the institution's specific positioning). Subhead (⩽ 20 words) naming S2/S3 tracks and time-to-degree (e.g., *"15 program Magister & 3 program Doktor terakreditasi BAN-PT Unggul. Selesai dalam 1.5–2 tahun, kelas reguler & karyawan."*). **Primary CTA: "Daftar Sekarang"** (solid brand color). **Secondary: "Unduh Brosur"** (outlined). **Tertiary: "Tanya via WhatsApp"** (text link with WA icon).
3. **Accreditation strip** immediately below hero: horizontal row with BAN-PT logo + grade ("Unggul"), any international (AACSB/ABEST21), LAM logos, and year of last accreditation. One line tall. This is the Fogg prominence fix.

Below the fold (scroll narrative)

4. **Stats bar** ("Pascasarjana dalam angka"): 4 numbers — years established, total alumni, active students, graduate employment rate within 6 months. Large numerals, short labels. LBS/HBS pattern.
5. **Program discovery module**: 4 category tiles (Bisnis & Manajemen / Teknik & Komputer / Sosial & Humaniora / Kesehatan — adjust to actual program mix), each clicking through to a filtered program list. Below, optional "Temukan program Anda" search field. Iyengar/Lepper chunking applied.
6. **Featured programs**: 3–4 program cards (see component spec §8) highlighting flagship offerings — cost range, duration, next gelombang deadline, BAN-PT grade chip on each.
7. **"Why choose us" pillars**: 3 columns, each a 40–60 word proof point tied to a specific differentiator (e.g., "Dosen praktisi dari industri," "Kelas karyawan Sabtu," "90% alumni menempati posisi manajerial"). Not generic marketese.
8. **Faculty spotlight**: 4–6 featured dosen with photo, title, research tags. "Lihat Semua Dosen →" link.
9. **Alumni voices**: 2–3 testimonials with full name, program, year, current role and company (authenticity signals per Cialdini's "multiple similar others"). Video-thumbnail if available; text+photo is fine.
10. **Berita & Acara**: 3 most-recent news cards + 2 upcoming event cards in a mixed grid.
11. **Partner/employer logos strip**: silent trust signal — corporate partners or employer-of-alumni logos.
12. **Final CTA band**: "Siap memulai?" with WhatsApp + Daftar buttons, and contact info.
13. **Footer**: sitemap, contact (address, phone, WA, email, IG/LinkedIn handles), rektor message link, akreditasi details, privacy/terms.

Floating elements: WhatsApp floating button (bottom-right, 56 px, WA brand green `#25D366`, pre-filled message — see §5). Optional "Kembali ke atas" appears after 600 px scroll.

Program page architecture (the most important template)

Sections in order, based on synthesis of HBS/Stanford/MIT/INSEAD/LBS program pages plus NN/g's four-question finding:

1. **Breadcrumb** (Beranda › Program › [Bidang] › Magister Manajemen).
2. **Program hero**: program name (H1), degree awarded (e.g., "M.M."), one-sentence positioning, **stats bar of 5 items** — Durasi (3–4 semester), SKS, Mode (Reguler/Karyawan/Online), Biaya (Rp X–Y juta/semester), Akreditasi (BAN-PT Unggul). **Primary CTA sticky**: "Daftar — Gelombang [N] ditutup [DD MMM]". **Secondary**: "Unduh Brosur Program," "Tanya Admisi via WhatsApp (pre-fill: 'Halo, saya tertarik program [Program Name]')".

3. **Overview** (100–150 words, first paragraph answers "Is this for me?").
4. **Kurikulum**: semester-by-semester table or tabs, listing course names and SKS; a downloadable kurikulum PDF link. Courses link to brief descriptions (accordion to avoid overwhelming).
5. **Persyaratan Pendaftaran**: bulleted list — S1 terakreditasi minimum, IPK minimum, pengalaman kerja (if applicable), TOEFL/IELTS (if applicable), dokumen yang diperlukan.
6. **Biaya & Beasiswa**: explicit cost table (Uang Pangkal, Uang Kuliah per semester, total estimated), scholarship options, cicilan/payment plan availability. This transparency is the single largest departure from Indonesian norm and the single largest conversion lever.
7. **Proses Pendaftaran**: numbered 4–6 steps with icons (Daftar online → Bayar pendaftaran → Tes & Wawancara → Pengumuman → Her-registrasi).
8. **Dosen Program**: grid of 6–8 dosen who teach in this program, with research tags.
9. **Testimoni Alumni**: 2–3 alumni of this specific program.
10. **Karir & Outcomes**: tracer data if available — placement %, top employers, salary indicators (use ranges if precise numbers aren't available).
11. **FAQ** accordion, 6–10 questions, with FAQPage schema markup.
12. **CTA band**: "Siap mendaftar program [Name]?" — Daftar + WhatsApp.

Faculty page architecture

Faculty index page: searchable/filterable grid (Name / Research area / Program). Filter chips: "Bisnis," "Teknik," "Kesehatan," etc. Each card: photo, name, title, 2–3 research-interest tags, program affiliation.

Individual faculty profile: photo (professional, consistent style per FIU/Pratt/UMN faculty-page conventions), name + title + named professorship if any, department/program, 200–400-word bio in third person, research interests (scannable short-phrase list), education (terminal degree minimum), up-to-date publications (cap at 10–20, link to full CV PDF or Google Scholar), teaching (courses), contact (email + consultation availability). Optional: LinkedIn, ORCID, Scopus ID.

Admissions flow — handling the Google Form redirect gracefully

The admissions URL (/daftar or /pendaftaran) should be a **wrapper page**, not a direct redirect. Structure:

1. Header: "Pendaftaran Pascasarjana [Year]."
2. Current gelombang and deadline (with countdown if live).
3. **Documents to prepare checklist** — so the user doesn't open the form and bail when asked to upload things they don't have.
4. **Estimated time**: "Pengisian formulir ± 10 menit."

5. Step indicator: "Langkah 1 dari 4: Isi formulir pendaftaran online → Langkah 2: Bayar biaya pendaftaran Rp X → Langkah 3: Tes & Wawancara → Langkah 4: Pengumuman."
6. **Primary button: "Buka Formulir Pendaftaran →"** that opens the Google Form in a **new tab** (`target="_blank" rel="noopener"`) so the user doesn't lose the wrapper context.
7. Below: "Ada pertanyaan? Chat admisi via WhatsApp" with direct WA link.
8. Footer: "Formulir akan dibuka di tab baru di Google Forms. Data Anda ditangani sesuai [Kebijakan Privasi]." This warning is small but satisfies trust/transparency norms and WCAG intent.

Post-MVP upgrade: replace Google Form with an embedded form using a drop-in tool (e.g., Typeform, Paperform, or a simple Formspree) that stays on-brand; further upgrade: custom admissions portal with save-progress and document-upload.

Current-student section

For MVP, this is minimal and deliberately segregated:

- Utility-nav "Masuk Portal" button top-right on every page.
- Route: /portal or external SSO URL (e.g., student.yourdomain.ac.id), opens in same tab since this is intentional navigation.
- A thin "Mahasiswa Aktif" landing page at /mahasiswa with 4 quick links: Portal Akademik, Jadwal Kuliah, Pengumuman, Unduh Materi. Each links to the respective internal system. This page also shows upcoming events relevant to current students.
- **Do not** mix current-student content into primary marketing nav. Marketing site is persuasion; portal is productivity. NN/g "Intranet Portals" research consistently separates these.

News and events

Indexed chronologically with category filter (Berita Program / Kegiatan / Prestasi Mahasiswa / Kolaborasi). Featured article uses larger card; rest as grid. Event cards show date badge, title, location, register CTA. Events get their own /acara page with past/upcoming tabs.

Micro-interactions (polish without over-engineering)

Restraint is the principle — NN/g's "College Students on the Web" finding rejects flashy design. Recommended:

- **Hover**: subtle card elevation (+2 px shadow, 150 ms ease-out).
- **Primary CTA**: background-color transition on hover (150 ms); gentle 1.02 scale on press for tactile feedback.
- **Scroll reveal**: 8 px translate-Y + opacity fade-in on section entry (once only, not repeating), 300 ms; skip on `prefers-reduced-motion`.

- **WhatsApp button**: tooltip "Chat Admisi" on desktop hover after 2 sec delay; subtle pulse animation every 10 sec to draw eye (disable on reduced-motion).
- **Loading**: skeleton screens for program/faculty grids, not spinners.
- **Page transitions**: instant (no fancy transitions) — mobile users on cellular don't want the cost.

Explicitly avoid: parallax hero, full-page scroll-jacking, cursor-follow effects, video auto-loop background on mobile, animated particle backgrounds.

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5. Mobile-first, bilingual, and accessibility

Mobile-first: thumb-zone and performance reality

Indonesian mobile users (125% mobile connection ratio, ~29 Mbps median cellular) need: **primary CTAs in the lower two-thirds of the viewport where thumbs naturally reach** (Hoober's touch-interaction research; Clark's thumb-zone heatmaps). The sticky bottom on program pages with "Daftar Sekarang" + WhatsApp is the highest-ROI mobile pattern. **Touch targets: 48×48 dp minimum** (Material), with 8 dp spacing between tappable items; Apple's 44×44 pt also acceptable.

Performance budget: target < 1 MB initial load (critical path), LCP < 2.5 s on 4G (Google Web Vitals), CLS < 0.1. Techniques: WebP/AVIF images with `srcset`, lazy-load below-fold images and faculty grids, defer non-critical JS, preload hero image and primary font, no video autoplay over cellular (use `<video poster>` + click-to-play or a lightweight image), CDN with Indonesian edge (Cloudflare or similar with SGP/JKT POPs).

Long lists on mobile (40+ programs, 60+ faculty): sticky header with search + category chips; lazy-render (virtualize) beyond 20 items; one-tap filter drawer; results show count ("Menampilkan 12 program").

Mobile navigation: hamburger is acceptable for 7-item nav; slide-in drawer from right; "Masuk Portal" and "Daftar Sekarang" as persistent items at top and bottom of the drawer. Bottom tab bar is overkill for a marketing site at medium MVP scope.

Bahasa Indonesia typography

Indonesian words average **longer** than English — "Pendaftaran" (11 chars) vs. "Apply" (5), "Persyaratan" (11) vs. "Requirements" (12 — close), "Magister Manajemen" (18) vs. "MBA" (3). Practical implications:

- **Button min-width: 140 px on mobile** (not 100 px as you might for English); allow wrap to two lines.
- **Headline line-length: 45–65 characters** per line is the NN/g-derived readable range; Bahasa will often hit the upper end.

- **Font pairing recommendation**: a modern humanist sans-serif with full Latin Extended glyph coverage (no Indonesian-specific glyphs required beyond standard Latin but proper diacritic support matters). Suggested: **Inter** or **Plus Jakarta Sans** (designed in Jakarta, naturally tuned for Indonesian text) for body; **Fraunces**, **Source Serif 4**, or a subtle serif for H1 to carry institutional gravitas. Stick to one sans + one serif maximum.
- **Language toggle**: top-right, in utility nav, labelled "EN | ID" with the active language in solid and inactive in outlined. Preserve scroll position and page state on switch where possible. Academic terms stay consistent on both versions (never localize "Magister Manajemen" to "Master of Management" mid-page); translate supporting copy around them.

Accessibility: WCAG 2.1 AA essentials

- **Color contrast**: body text ≥ 4.5:1; large text and UI components ≥ 3:1. A common institutional-navy (`#0B2545` or similar) on white hits well above 4.5; light-grey (#999) on white fails at 2.85:1 and must be avoided for body copy.
- **Keyboard navigation**: skip-link, visible focus indicators (not the browser default on dark buttons — custom 2 px outer ring), logical tab order, no keyboard traps.
- **Forms**: explicit `<label>` for every input; inline error messages; required-field announcements.
- **Lang attribute**: `<html lang="id">` with `lang="en"` on EN-only blocks.
- **Alt text workflow**: every image in CMS requires alt text on upload; decorative images get empty `alt=""`.
- **Video captions**: Bahasa subtitles for all hero and testimonial videos.
- **Reflow at 320 CSS px** (WCAG 2.1 new criterion 1.4.10): test on narrowest phone; no horizontal scroll.
- **Motion**: respect `prefers-reduced-motion` for scroll-reveal and button-pulse animations.

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6. Conversion and retention patterns

Primary CTA design

"Daftar Sekarang" should be:

- **Color**: single accent color reserved for primary actions only (e.g., institutional-gold or bright navy-accent; never the WhatsApp green — that's owned by the WA button).
- **Size**: ≥ 48 px tall on mobile; comfortable 140–200 px wide.
- **Placement**: hero (above fold), repeated in sticky mobile footer on program pages, in final page CTA band, and in global page-end band.

- **Context**: paired with the **current gelombang deadline** ("Gelombang 2 ditutup 31 Maret 2026") — scarcity signal (Cialdini) grounded in a real calendar event, not a fake countdown.

Secondary CTAs — the lead-magnet hierarchy

For users not ready to apply (the majority — typical higher-ed conversion 1–2%):

1. **Unduh Brosur Program** (PDF, email optional for capture). Brochure is shareable on WhatsApp — a core behavior for Indonesian prospects consulting family/spouse/employer.
2. **Tanya via WhatsApp** (see below).
3. **Ikuti Webinar / Info Session** (monthly program webinar; captures RSVPs).
4. **Kunjungan Kampus** (campus visit / open house scheduler).
5. **Mailing list** — lowest friction; email address only, opt-in checkbox.

WhatsApp integration (the Indonesian killer feature)

Floating button spec: 56×56 px, bottom-right 24 px margin, WA green `#25D366`, white icon, box-shadow 0 2 8 rgba(0,0,0,0.2), z-index above all page content but below modals. **Pre-filled message on each page, context-aware**:

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wa.me/62XXXXXXXXX?
text=Halo%20Admisi%20Pascasarjana,%20saya%20ingin%20bertanya%20tentang%20program%20[
```

- On program pages, inject the program name into the pre-fill.
- On the homepage, generic: *"Halo Admisi Pascasarjana, saya ingin informasi pendaftaran. Terima kasih."*
- On faculty pages: *"Halo, saya ingin informasi program yang diampu [FACULTY_NAME]."*

The button opens in a new tab (`target="_blank"`). Use the WhatsApp Business API if volume grows beyond ~100 messages/day; for MVP, a WA Business number is sufficient.

Pitfalls to avoid: don't auto-pop an expanded chat widget within 5 seconds of landing (interrupts NN/g "good abandonment"); don't hide the button behind a cookie banner; don't let it cover the primary "Daftar" CTA on mobile — offset the button with bottom padding in the sticky footer.

Trust-signal placement map

Applying Fogg's Prominence-Interpretation:

- **Hero + header**: BAN-PT logo strip directly below hero.
- **Program cards**: akreditasi chip visible on each card.
- **Program pages**: accreditation, duration, SKS, mode, biaya as top stats bar.

- **Footer**: detailed akreditasi certificate numbers and dates; rankings (QS, THE, Asia) if applicable.
- **About page**: year established, total alumni, campus photos, rektor message.

SEO for graduate programs

- **Schema.org markup**: use `EducationalOrganization` on the root, `EducationalOccupationalProgram` on program pages, `Person` on faculty, `Event` on acara, `FAQPage` on FAQs, `NewsArticle` on berita. This directly supports the NN/g "good abandonment" pattern — Google's featured snippet surfaces the answer and brings only committed users.
- **Indonesian query targeting**: common searches include *"S2 manajemen terbaik Jakarta," "pascasarjana online terakreditasi," "MM karyawan Sabtu," "biaya S2 [program name] Indonesia," "kampus S2 BSD."* Each program page targets one of these primary queries in H1 + meta description + URL slug.
- **Location keywords**: Jakarta, BSD, Tangerang, Surabaya — whatever applies, in footer address and LocalBusiness schema.
- **Google Business Profile**: mandatory; reviews are now a significant ranking and trust factor.

Retention mechanics for current students

Home-screen "Add to Home Screen" (PWA manifest) so current students tap-launch the portal; thin SMS/email announcement syndication on the /mahasiswa landing page; event RSS/iCal feeds. These are post-MVP-but-cheap upgrades.

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7. Content strategy specific to graduate schools

What the hero should say

Avoid generic *"Welcome to Pascasarjana [University Name]."* Instead, use a **value-positioning formula**:

> [Who we serve] [what we promise] [what's distinctive].

Examples calibrated to Indonesian grad-school context:

- *"Pascasarjana untuk profesional yang siap memimpin — 15 program Magister terakreditasi Unggul, kelas reguler dan karyawan."*
- *"Magister dan Doktor untuk generasi yang membangun Indonesia. Kurikulum praktis, dosen praktisi, jadwal fleksibel."*
- *"Pendidikan pascasarjana berstandar global, untuk karir yang dimulai hari ini."*

Avoid institutional filler ("komitmen kami terhadap keunggulan akademik"). Be specific: name the programs tier, mention the schedule flexibility, name the accreditation.

Program page essential content (detailed)

Minimum viable: program name + degree + one-sentence positioning; duration in semesters + SKS; mode (reguler/karyawan/online/hybrid); biaya range per semester + total; next intake date + current gelombang deadline; BAN-PT accreditation grade; 3–5 curriculum highlights or full kurikulum table; minimum requirements (S1 min accreditation, IPK min, pengalaman kerja); 4–6 dosen pengampu; 2 alumni testimonials; career outcomes paragraph; FAQ.

Nice-to-have for differentiation: employer partner list; scholarship options specific to this program; dual-degree partnerships; sample thesis topics / research areas; international exchange opportunities; specific subject-area rankings.

Faculty profile essential content

Per-profile: **photo** (professional, consistent lighting/framing across all dosen — enforce this at CMS-intake level); **name + honorifics + highest degree** (Prof. Dr. / Dr. / M.Sc. / etc. — Indonesian academic title convention matters); **position title** (Professor, Associate Professor, Dosen Tetap, Dosen Luar Biasa); **home department/program**; **education** (terminal degree + institution + year, at minimum); **research interests** as 3–6 scannable tags; **recent publications** (5–10 most recent with year, journal/conference, DOI link); **teaching** (courses this term or perpetual); **contact** (institutional email, consultation availability if applicable); **optional links** (Google Scholar, Scopus, ORCID, LinkedIn, personal site).

Pricing transparency — the conversion lever

Make biaya visible. Recommended disclosure pattern per program:

> **Biaya Kuliah Magister Manajemen** Uang Pangkal (sekali): Rp 15.000.000 Uang Kuliah per semester: Rp 18.500.000 Total estimasi 4 semester: Rp 89.000.000 *Cicilan 0% tersedia via [bank mitra]. Beasiswa Prestasi hingga 30% untuk IPK ⩾ 3.50.*

If pricing varies by cohort or is under revision, show a range ("Rp 17–19 juta/semester") with a note. The "hubungi admisi" total-opacity pattern is the worst of both worlds — it loses the Fogg credibility bonus and fails the NN/g four-question test.

Testimonials strategy

Placement: **2 on homepage** (rotate across broad programs, short + punchy), **2–3 on each program page** (matched to that program, more detailed), **one on each relevant faculty page** (student on their thesis supervisor). Format priorities: **full name + graduation year + program + current role/company** — omit any of these and the testimonial reads as fabricated. Video > photo+quote > quote-only for persuasion (higher-ed industry findings around 85% video persuasiveness are widely cited but directional; treat as "prefer video when available"). Cialdini's "multiple plus similar others" principle: cluster testimonials by demographic (working professionals for kelas karyawan page; recent grads for reguler; executives for EMBA).

Statistics to showcase

Realistic and verifiable for an Indonesian private pascasarjana:

- Years established (institution or pascasarjana specifically)
- Total alumni (cumulative); active students
- Employment rate within 6 months of graduation (from tracer study)
- Number of program studi / spesialisasi
- BAN-PT grade distribution (e.g., "85% program terakreditasi Unggul")
- Faculty credentials (% with doctorate; # dosen from industri)
- Partner companies / institutions
- International partnerships (MoU count)

Avoid inflated or unverifiable numbers — they erode Fogg-style credibility. If you don't have tracer data yet, substitute partner-company logos and named alumni placements.

FAQ content strategy

Essential questions for a pascasarjana FAQ (all in Bahasa, with EN variants):

1. Apa perbedaan kelas Reguler dan Karyawan?
2. Berapa total biaya Magister [X] dan apakah ada cicilan/beasiswa?
3. Apakah ijazah S1 dari [kampus] diterima? Apakah harus terakreditasi?
4. Kapan gelombang pendaftaran berikutnya?
5. Apakah ada tes masuk? Materinya apa?
6. Apakah perlu TOEFL / IELTS?
7. Berapa lama kuliah biasanya selesai?
8. Apakah mendaftar program online? Apakah ijazah sama?
9. Apakah kredit dari universitas lain bisa dikonversi (RPL)?
10. Bagaimana cara menghubungi admisi?

Use accordion pattern above 8 Q's (NN/g). Implement `FAQPage` schema — measurable rich-snippet lift in Google results.

Rektor / Direktur message

Short (< 200 words), personal, signed. Ideally paired with a head-shot and a 60-second video. Not the first section users see; placed on /tentang or /pascasarjana-about. Content arc: why pascasarjana matters in Indonesia today → what makes this institution's pascasarjana distinctive → an invitation to explore. Avoid corporate-generic language ("Assalamualaikum wr. wb. Puji syukur..." opening is traditional but not where persuasion lives).

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8. Final UX specification summary

Recommended MVP sitemap

Essential for launch (medium MVP):

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/ (Beranda)
├── /program (Program Index)
│   ├── /program/magister/[slug] (Program Detail)
│   └── /program/doktor/[slug]
├── /pendaftaran (Admissions wrapper → Google Form)
│   └── /pendaftaran/faq
├── /fakultas (Dosen index)
│   └── /fakultas/[slug] (Dosen profile)
├── /tentang (About / Profil)
│   ├── /tentang/sambutan-direktur
│   └── /tentang/akreditasi
├── /berita (News + Events combined for MVP)
│   └── /berita/[slug]
├── /kontak
├── /mahasiswa (thin current-student hub → portal)
└── [/en/...] (English mirror)
```

Nice-to-have, post-MVP:

- /riset (research output hub with publications filter)
- /karir (dedicated tracer study + alumni outcomes)
- /beasiswa (detailed scholarships page)
- /kemitraan (partnership / executive education)
- /acara (events promoted out of /berita)
- /virtual-tour (campus tour)
- Custom admissions portal replacing Google Form
- Alumni directory (login-gated)

Component library (build once, use everywhere)

1. **Program card**: title, degree badge, akreditasi chip, duration, mode chip, biaya range, next deadline chip, CTA "Detail →."
2. **Faculty card**: photo (1:1), name, title, 2–3 research tags, program affiliation.
3. **Testimonial block**: photo, quote (30–60 words), full name + year + program + role/company; video play button overlay if video.
4. **CTA bar**: two-button (Daftar + WhatsApp) with deadline mini-text.

5. **Stats bar**: 4-column numerals with labels (responsive to 2×2 on mobile).
6. **Accreditation strip**: horizontal logo row with captions.
7. **WhatsApp floating button**: sticky bottom-right, pre-fill message prop.
8. **Event card**: date-block left (dd/MMM badge), title, location, RSVP CTA.
9. **News card**: 16:9 image, category tag, title, date, excerpt.
10. **Sticky program footer (mobile)**: Daftar button + WhatsApp button, program-contextual.
11. **Language toggle**: EN/ID pill in utility nav.
12. **Breadcrumb**: used on all non-home pages.
13. **Accordion / FAQ item**: single-open, keyboard-accessible, schema-marked.
14. **Skeleton loader**: for program and faculty grids.

Prospective-student interaction flow (happy path)

Landing (homepage hero) → Scans hero H1, accreditation strip, stats → Clicks "Bisnis & Manajemen" category tile → Sees 6 programs as cards with akreditasi + biaya + deadline → Clicks Magister Manajemen → Program page: reads stats bar, scrolls through kurikulum + biaya + testimonial → Either clicks **"Daftar Sekarang"** (→ /daftar wrapper → Google Form in new tab) OR **"Tanya via WhatsApp"** (→ pre-filled WA chat) OR **"Unduh Brosur"** (PDF, optional email capture).

Target conversions: 2.5–4% inquiry rate (WA chat + brochure download + form initiation, combined), 1–1.5% application rate — above the 1% higher-ed baseline.

Current-student interaction flow

Landing (any page) → notices "Masuk Portal" button top-right → taps → redirected to portal SSO in same tab → logs in → lands in academic portal. Alternative: types /portal directly. Alternative: /mahasiswa hub → taps Jadwal Kuliah.

Target: < 5 seconds from landing to portal login screen, two taps max on mobile.

Design tokens

Color direction (institutional-modern):

Token	Suggested value	Use
`--brand-primary`	Deep navy or institutional color (e.g., `#0B2545`)	Headers, primary buttons
`--brand-accent`	Warm contrast (e.g., gold `#C79836`, or muted red)	Primary CTAs only
`--bg-default`	White `#FFFFFF`	Page background
`--bg-muted`	`#F6F7F9`	Section alternating
`--text-primary`	`#1A2233`	Body copy
`--text-secondary`	`#55627A`	Captions, meta
`--text-inverse`	`#FFFFFF`	On dark
`--border-subtle`	`#E2E6EC`	Cards, dividers
`--wa-green`	`#25D366`	WhatsApp button only
`--success`	`#1E8754`	Confirmation, accreditation chip
`--warning`	`#C47F17`	Deadline reminders

Contrast check: primary text on white = ~14:1 ✓; secondary on white = ~7:1 ✓.

Spacing philosophy: 4 px base unit; scale 4 / 8 / 12 / 16 / 24 / 32 / 48 / 64 / 96. Generous vertical rhythm — at least 48 px between homepage sections on mobile, 96 px on desktop. Whitespace is the single largest lever for "institutional premium" perception.

Type scale (modular, 1.25 ratio, 16 px base):

Token	Size (mobile)	Size (desktop)	Use
`text-xs`	12	12	Legal, caption
`text-sm`	14	14	Meta, form help
`text-base`	16	16	Body
`text-lg`	18	20	Lead, subhead
`text-xl`	20	24	Card titles
`text-2xl`	24	32	Section headings
`text-3xl`	32	40	Page H1
`text-4xl`	36	56	Hero H1

Line-height 1.5 for body; 1.15–1.25 for headings. Font pairing: **Plus Jakarta Sans** (sans, 400/500/700) + **Fraunces** or **Source Serif 4** (serif, H1 only). Variable font files where possible.

Radius: 8 px on cards, 12 px on modals, 24 px on pill buttons (WhatsApp), 4 px on form inputs. Shadow: a single subtle shadow token for cards (`0 1 3 rgba(16,24,40,0.08), 0 1 2 rgba(16,24,40,0.04)`).

The single most important UX principle

"Answer the four questions — programs, eligibility, cost, deadline — on every page where they're relevant, in Bahasa Indonesia, with a WhatsApp escape hatch always within reach." Every trade-off during the MVP build should be resolved in favor of these four facts being faster to reach. This principle operationalizes NN/g's university-site research, Fogg's prominence-based credibility, and the Indonesian context where mobile-first and WhatsApp-default are not optional.

Closing perspective

Understanding has shifted: a great Indonesian pascasarjana site is not a scaled-down HBS; it is a culturally-translated grad-school site that respects three realities — users arrive with decision fatigue and specific questions, they arrive on a mid-range Android over 4G, and they will almost certainly WhatsApp a family member before applying. The builder's initial scope ("company profile, registration link, news") underweights the three highest-leverage moves: **dedicated program pages with transparent cost, BAN-PT-prominent trust signaling, and a program-context-aware WhatsApp button**. Add those to the initial scope and the MVP clears the Indonesian private-university competitive bar. Add the dedicated faculty profiles, a wrapper around the Google Form, and a lightweight tracer-study stats bar, and the site begins to rival the

best regional precedents (SBM ITB, Prasetiya Mulya, BINUS Graduate) — at a build scope that remains achievable for a medium-MVP launch. The remaining polish (editorial storytelling, research-output hub, custom admissions portal) is genuine post-MVP territory, where budget should flow in the second six months based on which patterns moved the conversion needle in analytics.