

University Application Orientation

Cohort 2010

VEF POLICY

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Cohort 2010 Selection Process

- ✓ 449 registrants, 89 applications submitted by deadline (Less than previous years because of the new GRE requirement)
- ✓ 86 applications recommended by VEF to N.A. for technical review.
- ✓ 82 applications recommended by N.A. to be invited to interview.
- ✓ 69 attended the required Oral Exam Orientation and invited to the Oral Exam. 68 Interviewees.
- ✓ Important: You are recommended by the US professors/scientists (among 40 nominees and 16 recommendees)
- ✓ The process was open, competitive and transparent. All of you were chosen by the interview panel. No intervention or “help” was possible.

Next Steps: Application and Admission:

- You are the one who will apply to the U.S. Universities, not VEF to apply for you.
- Strong LORs from the U.S. professors
- Online LORs request:
 - + LOR2010@vef.gov and 2010LOR@vef.gov for nominees
 - + LOR-2010@vef.gov and 2010-LOR@vef.gov for recommendees
- VEF Financial support letter from VEF outlining fellowship terms
- Updates on your admission status at the OMS
- Deadline to submit university admission letter and university's letter to agree upon VEF's financial terms for final decision on VEF fellowship: **April 1, 2010.**

VEF Financial Terms

➤ Fellowship Grant to the University:

During the Fellow's first two years at the U.S. University (Years 1 and 2), VEF will provide an annual Fellowship grant of U.S. \$27,000 to the University for required deposits; school orientation fees; required tuition and fees for the academic year and summer session; medical and health insurance required of an international student for the academic year and summer session; required books and educational equipment; and stipends for 12 calendar months that would be at least the minimum amount that is provided to other graduate students in that department.

➤ Professional Development Grant to the Fellow:

Each Fellow, who is enrolled full-time and not involved in Academic Training (off-campus employment benefit of the J visa status), will receive \$1,000 per year as a Professional Development Grant (PDG). Use of these funds is limited to professional development purposes in Fellow's field.

What to do next?

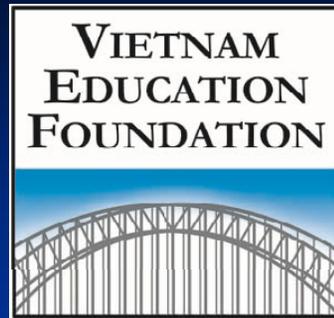
- By April 1: Admission to recommended schools or a leading graduate program that accepts VEF's financial terms
- By May: Written permission to leave your work for the VEF Fellowship; and
- Obligatory participation in the TB-PDO from June 11-15, 2010
- After the PDO: A visa to the U.S. VEF is your visa sponsor.

VEF Investment in you

- School application fees for recommended schools
- Submission of TOEFL, GRE score reports, GRE General Test Fee (for the score of at least 1150 Verbal plus Quantitative) and GRE Subject Test Fee as required by the University
- Health check-up fees, inoculation as required by University
- Team Building and Pre-Departure Orientation (TB-PDO)
- ESL program during Summer if required by University
- Settling-in allowance of U.S. \$500
- Air ticket to the U.S., including travel insurance (1 month validity).
- Expenses for participation in the VEF Annual Conference.

Proof of payment

- If you apply online, you should provide:
 - The email notification/receipt from the university stating the amount paid. Or
 - A copy of the **credit card** statement stating the amount paid.
- If you apply via postal mail, you should provide:
 - A copy of the bank statement stating the amount of the check.
Or
 - A copy of the money order stating the amount paid.



**Thank You and Good Luck
with Your Application!**