

University Application Orientation

Cohort 2011

VEF POLICY

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Cohort 2011 Selection Process

- ✓ 290 registrants, 92 applications submitted by deadline
- ✓ 90 applications recommended by VEF to N.A. for technical review.
- ✓ 80 applications recommended by N.A. to be invited to interview.
- ✓ 80 attended the required Oral Exam Orientation and were invited to the Oral Exam. 75 Interviewees.
- ✓ Important: You are recommended by the US professors/scientists (among 45 nominees and 12 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:
(We will notify you of the email addresses via that you can request online LORs on Thursday, October 7, 2010.)
- VEF financial support letter outlining fellowship terms
- VEF financial agreement form
- Updates on your admission status at the OMS
- Deadline to submit university admission letter, university's financial support letter and the signed financial agreement form: **April 1, 2011.**

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. If there is a financial shortfall, the university is expected to provide additional funds to supplement the VEF annual grant for the first two years.
- **Full Support by the University (Year 3 and beyond):** The university must provide full financial support for the Fellow.
- **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
- June 10-14, 2011: Obligatory participation in the Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO)
- After the PDO: A visa to the U.S. VEF is your visa sponsor.

VEF Investment in you

- School application fees for recommended schools
- TOEFL and GRE score reports sending fee, GRE General Test Fee (for the score of at least 1150 Verbal plus Quantitative) and GRE Subject Test Fee as required by the recommended school(s)
- SOP review fee
- Health check-up fees, inoculation as required by University
- Expenses for participation in PDO
- ESL program during Summer if required by University
- Settling-in allowance of U.S. \$500
- Air ticket (economy) 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.

Note on Your Name

Decide now. No right or wrong but must be **CONSISTENT**

Vietnamese Order	English Order (Reverse)
LAST (FAMILY) Middle First (Given)	First (Given) Middle(Middle Initial) LAST (FAMILY)

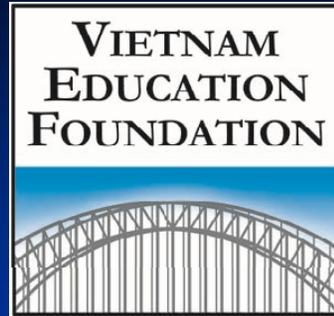
Example : Nguyen Hai Anh = Anh Hai Nguyen = Anh H.
 Nguyen = Anh Nguyen

The best choice: Use your name as it is shown on the label of the LOR envelop.

Monthly Meetings for Nominees

The monthly meetings will be held from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Vietnam time) on Fridays of:

October 29	January 28
November 19	February 25
December 17	March 25



Thank you and
See you in June 2011!