



DOs AND DON'Ts
for
**2016 VEF FELLOWS/ALTERNATES DURING THE UNIVERSITY APPLICATION
PROCESS**

DOs:

1. Attend the online monthly VEF University Application Advising sessions regularly.
2. Apply to more than the five recommended universities to increase your chances of getting admitted.
3. Ascertain if you meet all the admission criteria to apply to each university. (You have already been strategic in your selection of universities and you are applying to a range of universities in terms of competitiveness of admission. You have a safety net as well.)
4. Contact U.S. universities and professors as soon as possible to point out the importance of the VEF Financial Support Terms and to pose any questions about your application, research interest, and research positions available.
5. Be proactive and appropriate in communicating with the U.S. universities/VEF to ask for any information you need.
6. Choose the final university and program of study that best fits your desired study/research interests and particularly your past preparation and future promise.
7. Meet all the deadlines set by VEF and the U.S. universities.

DON'Ts:

1. Be dishonest in any communication with VEF, U.S. universities, or professors. Any misconduct or dishonesty may lead to disqualification from the VEF Fellowship and may affect your admission to the U.S. university.
2. Be inconsistent in your communication with VEF and U.S. universities/institutions/agencies.
3. Delay your application until the last minute.
4. Accept or decline any admission offer from a U.S. university before VEF informs you of the final decision in mid-April 2016.

Good luck with your U.S. university applications!