



**UNIVERSITY APPLICATION ORIENTATION**

**COHORT 2012**

# **VEF POLICY**

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# Cohort 2012 Selection Process

- ✓ 397 registrants, 90 applications submitted by deadline
- ✓ 86 applications recommended by VEF to N.A. for technical review.
- ✓ 76 candidates attended the Oral Exams in August
- ✓ Important: You are recommended by the U.S. professors/scientists (among 45 nominees and 10 recommendees)
- ✓ The process was open, competitive and transparent. All of you were chosen by the interview panel. No intervention or “help” was possible.

## VEF's Support in Your University Application Process

- Strong LORs from the U.S. professors
- Unlimited number of online LORs:  
(We will notify you of the email addresses via that you can request online LORs by Friday, October 7, 2011.)
- VEF financial support letter outlining fellowship terms
- SOP review arranged by VEF at no cost to you
- Monthly University Application Advising Meeting with VEF Team
- VEF is always beside you in your application process. Email us at: [vef2012@vef.gov](mailto:vef2012@vef.gov) or call us if you have any question.

# 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.

# VEF Financial Agreement Form

- Link to the Form on VEF website:

[http://home.vef.gov/download/VEF Financial Terms Agreement form.pdf](http://home.vef.gov/download/VEF_Financial_Terms_Agreement_form.pdf)

- You must submit to VEF the admission letter as well as the complete signed Financial Agreement Form.

# Important Dates

- **By March 28:** Admission to recommended schools or a leading graduate program and complete signed Financial Agreement Form
- June 8-12, 2012: Obligatory participation in the Pre-Departure Orientation (PDO)
- After the PDO: A visa to the U.S. VEF is your visa sponsor.

# VEF's 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 Conferences.

# Proof of payment for reimbursement

- Application fees to five recommended universities: The email notification/receipt from the university stating the amount paid or copy of the credit card statement stating the amount paid
- TOEFL and GRE scores sending fees: Receipt/email notification from ETS stating the amount paid
- GRE general test fee (from 1150 and above at the time you applied to the VEF Fellowship): Receipt/email notification from ETS stating the amount paid
- GRE subject test fee (if required by the recommended university): Receipt/email notification from ETS stating the amount paid

# Some important notes

1. Check your email box (including Junk mail) for important notifications from VEF and U.S. universities and save them systematically
2. Apply to more than five recommended universities, make sure that the additional universities offer leading programs in your field
3. Non-VEF Alliance universities also accept VEF financial terms.
4. Attend monthly University Application Advising Meeting with VEF Team
5. Contact VEF if you have any question!

# Monthly Meetings for Nominees

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

<b>October 14</b>	<b>January 20</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>February 17</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>March 9</b>



Thank you and  
good luck with your  
application process!