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Fund for Ireland Vietnam Alumni and Academics (FIVAA)

2021

1. Background

A Vietnam Ireland Alumni Network was established in March 2012 with the aim of connecting Vietnamese citizens who have studied in Ireland. The Alumni have played a key role in assisting current and prospective students in Ireland, sharing experience, ideas and opportunities, promoting Irish education and strengthening the relationship between Vietnam and Ireland. The network has currently over 200 members composed by Alumni of Irish government scholarship programmes, Alumni who went to study in Ireland under ESBI (Electricity Supply Board International Ireland) grants in the 1990s and self-financed students.

In 2016, the Embassy launched the Vietnam Ireland Bilateral Education Exchange (VIBE) programme under the Irish Development Experience Sharing Programme (IDEAS). The VIBE Programme aims to encourage and deepen third-level education linkages and to build capacity and research collaboration between Irish and Vietnamese education and research institutions. Since 2016, hundreds of academics and students have received short training, completed internships and have undertaken exchange visits to Ireland, sharing experiences with Irish universities on new teaching methods, developing joint research, and building new curriculums for new academic programmes. A VIBE community was established at the Vietnam National University Hanoi in 2019 and the first cultural event was organised by VNU Hanoi VIBE community at the end of 2019.

It is the Embassy's intention to continue to engage with and actively support the Alumni and academics as a way to further strengthen bilateral relations between Ireland and Vietnam.

In 2020, the Embassy launched the **Fund for Ireland Vietnam Alumni and Academics (FIVAA)** and received great interest and engagement from the Alumni and Academic community. Funding was provided for projects ranging from charity events to professional workshops. These initiatives have helped to strengthen the Alumni and academic network and to increase Ireland's visibility in Vietnam.

The Embassy is now launching the **2021 Fund for Ireland Vietnam Alumni and Academics**.

A maximum of five grants up to 2,000 euro/per grant will be awarded in this year.

2. Project themes

Applications are welcomed in the following areas:

- Promotion of Ireland: country, people, culture, sport, education.
- Promotion of trade links: engage with Irish Business Association Vietnam (IBAV) activities and other activities to promote trade.
- Strengthening of Alumni and Academics network: get together, talk, Alumni gala and workshop.
- Social initiatives focusing on the environment, climate change, poverty reduction, equality and related areas.
- Promotion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Ireland and Vietnam in 2021.

3. Eligible applicants

Applications should be submitted by Vietnamese citizens as follows:

- Two or more Alumni, including at least one recipient of an Irish Government Scholarship , OR
- Two or more VIBE academics.

4. FIVAA funding/ eligibility

In general, eligible activities will be those listed in Section 2 above. UN-EU cost norms for development projects in Vietnam will be applied. Specific expenditure eligible will include additional project-specific travel, subsistence, and translation costs. The cost of time of Alumni and or VIBE academics will not be reimbursable.

The allocation of funding between the Alumni/VIBE academics and other partners if any is a matter for those partners.

5. TimeLine, Award, Contract

The timeline is as follows:

- Submission of concept note: 19 March 2021
- Notification of final results: 31 March 2021
- Commencement of project: April 2021
- Completion of projects: November 2021

Selection criteria will be:

- A clear and practical plan and activities
- Feasibility of the project
- Clear milestones, planned outputs

Appraisal and selection will be done by the Embassy of Ireland, Hanoi.

6. Submission of concept notes

Applications should be made in English, using the attached template and should not exceed 4 pages in length (excluding any annexes). Applications must be submitted to thuy.nguyen@dfanet.ie by 13:00 hrs on 19 March 2021:

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