



## **SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:**

### **The Science & Technology Scholarship Program For Overseas Study for Master's & Doctoral Degrees by Vingroup For Academic Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023**

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#### **I. ABOUT**

The Science and Technology Scholarship Program for Overseas Study for Master's and Doctoral Degrees (the '**Scholarship Program**') is a component of the "Science and Technology Resources Development Project for Vietnam" by Vingroup with a mission to find talents and develop them further and provide them with rewarding opportunities so that they have the ability to lead and advance the development of science and technology in Vietnam in the future.

Official information about the Scholarship Program is regularly posted and updated at <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn/>.

The Scholarship Program is managed and administered by VinUniversity (<https://vinuni.edu.vn/>).

For 11 years starting from 2019, Vingroup will provide up to 100 full scholarships per year for Master's and Ph.D. degree programs for Vietnamese talents to study key areas at excellent universities in leading countries in terms of science and technology including Australia, Canada, France, German, Israel, Italia, Japan, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Applicants for the Scholarship Program can apply following one of these two tracks:

- **Track 1:** For applicants who have already obtained letters of admission to study a Master's/ Ph.D. program in AY 2021/22 in supported field or research area as per Section II of this announcement and at a university from the List of Targeted Universities in Section III below.
- **Track 2:** For applicants who have not been accepted to study a Master's/ Ph.D. program at any of the targeted universities and choose to apply for the scholarship before applying for admission to study in AY 2022/23.

In the total number of scholarships in 2021, the Scholarship Program will continue to provide up to 10 full scholarships for the Master's program in Cryptology and Information Security (CRYPTIS) at the University of Limoges, France. Further information can be found at <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn/master-cryptis-scholarship-program/>

## II. SUPPORTED FIELDS OF STUDY

The Scholarship Program gives priority in awarding scholarships to candidates whose intended fields of study or research areas have the potential to create breakthrough in the development of science and technology in Vietnam. There is also a great demand for high-quality human resources in these fields in Vietnam. The list of supported fields of study of the Scholarship Program is posted and updated at <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn/list-of-supported-fields-of-study-and-research-areas/>

## III. LIST OF TARGETED UNIVERSITIES

The Scholarship Program identified a list of targeted universities that are excellent graduate schools in the world in the supported fields of study in developed countries in science and technology. These are the universities where leading professors, including Vietnamese and overseas Vietnamese professors work. Applicants need to enroll in one of the supported fields of study at the targeted universities of the Scholarship Program. The list of targeted universities of the Scholarship Program is announced and updated at <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn/list-of-targeted-universities/>

## IV. SUPPORT FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Vingroup Scholarship Program provides fully funded scholarships that cover all costs of attendance for the standard duration of a graduate degree program in accordance with the policy and regulations of each university, usually 2 years for a Master's degree and 4-5 years for a Ph.D. degree. The value of each scholarship is different depending on the tuition and fees policies of each university in each field of study and the cost of living in each country/region. To specify, each scholarship will fully cover the following expenses:

1. **Tuition fee:** All tuition fees for the standard duration of study determined by the Host university and in line with the cost-sharing agreement between the Scholarship Program and the Host university.
2. **Monthly stipend/Monthly salary:** To support the monthly living expenses. The actual amount of monthly living stipend/monthly salary depends on the Host university's regulations for the standard minimum rate of living expenses for an international student.
3. **An economy return airfare:** A round-trip, economy air ticket from Vietnam to the Host university abroad at the beginning and at the end of the degree program.
4. **Visa:** One-time visa application fee before commencing the approved study program. This does not include transportation, lodging, or other expenses related to the process of getting one's visa.
5. **Health insurance:** Required international student health insurance for the standard duration of the degree program according to the regulations of the Host university.

6. **One-time allowances:** Including settling-in allowance and reintegration allowance after graduation and return to Vietnam;
7. **Other benefits and support when becoming a scholarship recipient:** Scholarship recipients of the Vingroup Scholarship Program will receive maximal support in the process of applying for admission at the targeted universities. Candidates who pass the interview round are entitled to receive a Financial Support Letter from the Scholarship Program.
8. Track 2 applicants will receive reimbursement of application fees to the targeted universities in accordance with the Scholarship Program policy after they are officially awarded the Scholarship.
9. Scholarship recipients will join the network of Vingroup Scholars and will receive support throughout the study program and after graduation in various forms such as receiving information about employment, internship or research collaboration opportunities.

## V. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Being a Vietnamese who is living, studying and working in Vietnam or overseas, who has ability, aspiration, creativity, and commitment to contributing to the development of science and technology of Vietnam and to the country's common causes;
2. **Age:** Not over 30 years old at the start date of the intended Master's program or not over 35 at the start date of the intended Ph.D. program;
3. **Education background:** Having an educational background that matches or relates to the supported fields of study of the Scholarship Program. Being a university graduate with a Bachelor's degree or a college senior in the final year of undergraduate study who will graduate before the commencement of the intended Master's or Ph.D. degree program overseas;
4. **Grade Point Average (GPA)** of the undergraduate degree in the related programs must be at least 7.0/10.0 or equivalent;
5. **English Language Proficiency:** Candidates can provide evidence of English language proficiency through the submission of **ONE** of the following proof:

<b>TOEFL (updated)</b>	Candidates must have TOEFL iBT score of at least 79. <i>Note: The TOEFL iBT certificate must still be valid at the scholarship application deadline.</i>
<b>IELTS (updated)</b>	Candidates must have IELTS score of at least 6.5. <i>Note: The IELTS certificate must still be valid at the scholarship application deadline. Only the IELTS Academic is accepted.</i>
<b>Degree from an</b>	Applicants who are studying or have completed an undergraduate

<b>English-speaking country</b>	or graduate degree from one of the following English-speaking countries do NOT need to submit the IELTS or TOEFL certificate. The countries include Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Singapore, United States or the United Kingdom (Britain, Ireland, Scotland or Wales).
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**Note:**

- *The Scholarship Program only accepts TOEFL iBT or IELTS Academic certificate.*
  - *Above is the minimum English language proficiency standard of the Scholarship Program. Targeted Universities may have different minimum English requirements that the applicants have to meet in order to satisfy the admission requirements.*
- 6. Graduate Record Examination (GRE):** Not required at the time of application. However, please be advised that graduate programs in the United States, Singapore or Israel may require the results of the GRE General Test. Applicants should inquire about the mandatory requirements of their intended universities.
- 7. Work experience:** The Scholarship Program does not require applicants to have work experience.

## **VI. APPLICATION AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

The online scholarship application includes:

1. Degree certificates and transcripts: Must be translated and notarized into English if the language of presentation in the original documents is not English;
2. IELTS Academic or TOEFL iBT certificate or an undergraduate/master's degree from an English-speaking country as specified in Section V of this announcement.
3. Two letters of recommendation/reference from the applicant's professors/lecturers under whom the applicant has studied or pursued research related to his/her proposed field of study, or from supervisors, who have supervised the applicant's work related to his/her proposed field of study. The letters of recommendation must meet the following criteria:
  - Must be written in English; and
  - Must have an official letterhead and the signature of the recommender;
4. A letter of motivation written in English and does not exceed 1,500 words. The essay demonstrates the ability, aspiration, creativity and commitment to contributing to the development of science and technology in Vietnam.
5. A curriculum vitae (CV) in English that outlines educational background and research experience;
6. Complete the online application at <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn/scholarship/account>

In addition:

**Official letter of admission:**

Track 1 applicants will need to submit a letter of admission with the program start date in AY 2021/22 issued by one of the Targeted Universities in Section III of this announcement.

**Choices of universities:**

For Track 2 applicants, the Scholarship Program asks every applicant to select five universities that have the degree programs that match personal intent and fall within the support fields of study and research areas shown in Section II of this announcement. At the same time, the selected study programs have to be among the top ranked programs in the world.

## **VII. SELECTION PROCESS**

The Selection process consists of three rounds:

- **ROUND 1: Initial Application Screening**

After the scholarship application deadline, the Scholarship Program will conduct an initial eligibility screening to ensure that the applications meet all the minimum, pre-determined requirements. After that, the Scholarship Selection Committee will review the applications and shortlist the most suitable candidates for the interview round.

- **ROUND 2: Oral Exam/Interview**

The Scholarship Selection Committee will conduct the Interview Round which will be in English and last up to 45 minutes for each interview via teleconference or face-to-face if circumstances permit.

- **ROUND 3: Apply for Admission at Targeted Universities**

After passing the Interview Round, shortlisted candidates who have not had any letter of admission from any Targeted University will apply to at least five (05) proposed universities which are approved by the Selection Committee. Candidates who obtain at least one unconditional admission offer to study a qualified graduate program according to the Scholarship Program's policies will then be officially recognized as a Vingroup scholarship recipient.

**Note:** *Track 1 candidates who have already had admission offers from a supported field of study at a Targeted University do not need to participate in Round 3 after the interview. All applicants will be notified of final results.*

## **VIII. SELECTION CRITERIA**

The application and selection process of the Science & Technology Scholarship Program for Overseas Studies for Master's and Doctoral Degrees by Vingroup is **open, competitive, transparent and free of charge**. Members of the Selection Committee are prominent professors

in various fields of science and technology. Applicants do not need to pay any fees to anyone in order to apply for the scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on ability, aspiration, creativity, and commitment to contributing to the development of science and technology in Vietnam.

## **IX. SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS**

Applicants must fully meet the application requirements of the Scholarship as well as having a letter of admission from a targeted university listed above to study a supported academic field. Applicants must also meet the health requirements through a General Health Check Program before commencing their studies and be issued a visa to study the program overseas. During the study program, applicants must meet the minimum academic requirements determined by the program as well as reporting their academic performance and research progress periodically to the Scholarship Program

Scholarship recipients who have completed their final academic requirements of the Master's and/or doctoral degree are eligible to stay in the Host country for up to one year for Master's graduates and up to two years for Ph.D. graduates. After that, scholarship recipients must return to Vietnam to work for a Vietnamese public university or research institute or work for a member company/research institute/training facility of the Vingroup ecosystem for at least the duration of time equal to the duration of study that they had received the scholarship to study the master's or doctoral degree. If violated, the student will have to reimburse all the scholarship grants received.

## **X. REINTEGRATION SUPPORT**

In order to complete an overall and comprehensive investment process in the science and technology human resources in Vietnam, the Program will support scholarship recipients throughout their study and provide them with regular updates on employment opportunities, internships or research projects in Vietnam. This support scheme ensures that the awarded students can be able to optimize their intellectual capability in an overseas university environment while staying connected with the Vietnamese settings.

The goal of the Program is that 100% of students after graduation and return to Vietnam will be able to quickly re-integrate, have suitable jobs with deserving remuneration package to optimize their talents and capabilities to lead and advance the development of science and technology in Vietnam.

## **XI. KEY DATES FOR TRACK 1: PREPARE FOR ENROLLMENT IN 2021**

For applicants who have already obtained an admission offer from a targeted university to commence studies in 2021.

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Scholarship announcement	December 10, 2020

Online application is open	<b>11:00, December 21, 2020 (Vietnam Time)</b>
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>18:00, April 15, 2021 (Vietnam Time)</b>
Interview round	Late April – early May 2021
Notification of final results to all applicants	Mid-May 2021
Scholarship Award Ceremony & Pre-Departure Orientation Program	Early July 2021
General health examination and visa application	Starting from July 2021
Commence graduate degree programs overseas	Depending on each university and each country (late 2021 or early 2022)

## **XII. KEY DATES FOR TRACK 2: PREPARE FOR ENROLLEMENT IN 2022 OR EARLY 2023**

For applicants who have not been accepted to study a Master's/ Ph.D. program at any of the targeted universities and choose to apply for the scholarship before applying for admission to study in 2022 or early 2023.

<b>Activities</b>	<b>Time</b>
Scholarship announcement	December 10, 2020
Online application is open	<b>11:00, December 21, 2020 (Vietnam Time)</b>
<b>Application deadline</b>	<b>18:00, May 31, 2021 (Vietnam Time)</b>
Interview round	July – August 2021
Notification of interview results to all applicants	Early September 2021
Qualified candidates apply for admission at targeted universities	From October 2021 to February 2022
Candidates submit letters of admission to the Scholarship Program	Late-March 2022
Announcement of final scholarship results to all scholarship nominees	April 2022

Scholarship Award Ceremony & Pre-Departure Orientation Program	Early July 2022
General health examination and visa application	From July 2022
Scholars of AY 2022/23 commence studies abroad	Depending on each university and each country (in 2022 or early 2023)

### **XIII. HOW TO APPLY**

Applicants will need to complete the online application form and submit the required documents according to the guideline in this announcement.

Complete the online application at: <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn/scholarship/account/>

*Note: Only online applications are accepted.*

### **XIV. CONTACT**

All related questions should be sent to [scholarships@vingroup.net](mailto:scholarships@vingroup.net) or call (+84) 24 7108-9779 (Ext: 9032 or 9006).

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Please check carefully the eligibility requirements and submit the application **before the application deadline.**

All the scholarship recipients must abide by all regulations and requirements of the Scholarship Program, or else the scholarship will be revoked.

The Scholarship Program has the right to change the terms and conditions when necessary. Any changes will ONLY be posted at the Vingroup Scholarship Program's official website at <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn>.