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SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT:
The Vingroup Science & Technology Scholarship Program
for Overseas Study for Doctoral Degrees
Academic Year 2026/27

I. ABOUT

The Vingroup Science and Technology Scholarship Program for Overseas Study for Doctoral Degrees (the ‘**Scholarship Program**’) was established by Vingroup with a mission to find talents and provide them with rewarding opportunities so that they can lead and advance the development of science and technology in Vietnam in the future. The official information about the Scholarship Program is available at <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn/>. The Scholarship Program is managed and administered by VinUniversity (<https://vinuni.edu.vn/>).

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

- Track 1: For applicants who have already obtained letters of admission to study a Ph.D. program in AY 2026/27 in a supported field or a research area as per Section II of this announcement and at a university among the List of Targeted Universities in Section III below.
- Track 2: For applicants who have not been accepted to study a Ph.D. program at any of the targeted universities and choose to apply for the scholarship before applying for admission to study in AY 2026/27.

Notes: From Cohort 2026, the Scholarship Program only accepts applications for Doctoral Degrees.

II. SUPPORTED FIELDS OF STUDY

Priorities will be given to applicants in scientific and technological research areas/topics such as smart health, environmental intelligence, urban transformation, as well as computer science, data science and AI, robotics, cybersecurity, biomedical engineering, or materials science, etc. The list of supported fields of study of the Scholarship Program is available 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 have excellent graduate programs in the world in the supported fields of study in science and technology. The list of targeted universities of the Scholarship Program is available at: <https://scholarships.vinuni.edu.vn/list-of-targeted-universities/>

IV. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The Scholarships are open to Vietnamese who are living, studying and working in Vietnam or overseas, who have ability, aspiration, creativity, and commitment to contributing to the development of science and technology of Vietnam;
2. **Age:** Not over 35 at the start date of the intended Ph.D. program;
3. **Education background:** Have an educational background that matches or relates to the supported fields of study of the Scholarship Program. Be a university graduate with a Bachelor's degree or a college student in the final year of undergraduate study who will graduate before the commencement of the intended Ph.D. degree program overseas;
4. **Grade Point Average (GPA)** of the undergraduate degree in the related programs must be at least 8.0/10.0 or equivalent;
5. **English Language Proficiency:** Candidates can provide evidence of English language proficiency through the submission of **ONE** of the following proof:

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

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. **Work experience:** The Scholarship Program does not require applicants to have work experience.

V. 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 and/or a graduate degree from an accepted English-speaking country;
3. Two (02) 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:

Choices of universities: Every applicant must select five universities that offer programs that match personal intent and fall within the supported fields of study 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.

VI. 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. The Scholarship Selection Committee will review the applications and shortlist the most suitable candidates for the interview round.

- **ROUND 2: Interview**

The Scholarship Selection Committee will conduct the Interview Round in English to nominate excellent candidates for Round 3.

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

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.

(*) **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 the final results.

VII. SELECTION CRITERIA

The application and selection process of the Vingroup Science & Technology Scholarship Program for Overseas Studies for Doctoral Degrees 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 (AACC) to contributing to the development of science and technology in Vietnam.

VIII. SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

Applicants must fully meet the application requirements of the Scholarship Program 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 valid 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 doctoral degree are eligible to stay in the Host country to work in their field of study for up to two (02) years. After that, scholarship recipients must return to Vietnam to work full-time 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 doctoral degree.

IX. KEY DATES FOR TRACK 1: PREPARE FOR ENROLLMENT IN AY 2026/27

Activities	Tentative Timeline
Scholarship announcement	December 2025
Application deadline	6:00 PM April 15, 2026 (Vietnam Time)
Interview round	Late April – early May 2026
Notification of final results to all applicants	Mid May 2026
Scholarship Award Ceremony & Pre- Departure Orientation Program	Early July 2026

General health examination and visa application	From July 2026
Commence graduate degree programs overseas	Depending on each university (late 2026 or early 2027)

X. KEY DATES FOR TRACK 2: PREPARE FOR ENROLLMENT IN AY 2026/27

Activities	Tentative Timeline
Scholarship announcement	May 2025
Application deadline	6:00 PM July 15, 2025 (Vietnam Time)
Interview round	August – September 2025
Notification of final results to all applicants	October 2025
Qualified candidates apply for admission at targeted universities	October 2025 – April 2026
Candidates submit letters of admission to the Scholarship Program	Early April 2026
Announcement of final scholarship results to all scholarship nominees	Late April 2026
Scholarship Award Ceremony & Pre- Departure Orientation Program	Early July 2026
General health examination and visa application	From July 2026
Commence graduate degree programs overseas	Depending on each university (late 2026 or early 2027)

XI. 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.

XII. CONTACT

All related questions should be sent to 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/>.