The U.S. Embassy in Hanoi is pleased to announce an open competition for individuals and organizations to submit proposals for projects that further the U.S. Mission’s public diplomacy goals through programming that highlights shared U.S.-Vietnam values while promoting bilateral cooperation. This announcement outlines our funding priorities, the strategic themes we focus on, and the procedures for submitting funding requests.

Please read this document carefully and follow all instructions accordingly. This notice is subject to availability of funds from the U.S. Department of State. Any costs and expenses incurred prior to receipt of grant money will not be reimbursed by the U.S. Embassy.

How to apply: Prospective applicants are encouraged to submit their proposals by clicking on the following link: https://bit.ly/3HRP3Ka. All proposals and budgets should utilize the following downloadable formats, which can be found here: https://bit.ly/USAGrantForms

U.S. Mission Vietnam will not accept proposals submitted via fax, the postal system, or delivery companies. Failure to furnish all information or submit requisite documentation in a timely fashion will lead to the application’s disqualification for consideration.

For information on specific grant programs, please read the following grant announcements.
THE 2022 EXCHANGE ALUMNI SMALL GRANTS COMPETITION

The U.S. Mission in Vietnam invites Vietnamese alumni of U.S. Government-funded (USG) academic and professional exchange programs (Exchange Alumni) to submit proposals for the 2022 Exchange Alumni Small Grants Competition. These grants aim to strengthen the USG Alumni community in Vietnam by creating opportunities for alumni to work together on a shared vision of a brighter future for Vietnam and U.S.-Vietnam relations by addressing shared concerns. Alumni teams can submit proposals as a group of individuals or under the auspices of a non-profit organization in which alumni are working. Project budgets are between $1,000 and $10,000. Proposals must be in English. The deadline for submitting an application is 11:59 p.m., June 30, 2022.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible teams must include at least two alumni members who have participated in one of the following U.S. Government-sponsored programs, including (but not limited to):

- Fulbright Program (including Fulbright Economics Teaching Program - FETP)
- Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF)
- Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program
- International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)
- International Visitor Program on Demand (former Voluntary Visitor Program)
- Programs under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), e.g.: ASEAN Youth Volunteer Program (AYVP); the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), e.g.: Borlaug
- Eisenhower Fellowship Program
- Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (UGRAD) and Studies of the U.S. Institute (SUSI)
- English Language Programs (English Access Micro-scholarships, AE-Teachers, Brunei-U.S. Partnership)
- Teacher Excellence Awards
- Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) programs (Professional and Academic Fellows, Regional Exchanges, Seeds for the Future Grant Competition)
- American Council for Young Political Leaders (ACYPL)
- Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (SEAYLP)

Projects must take place in areas from Quang Tri up to the northern provinces of Vietnam.
TOPICS OF ADVANCEMENT

For this cycle, the Embassy is accepting projects that support the following themes:

1. Overcoming War Legacy Issues/ Promoting Reconciliation/ Strengthen U.S.-Vietnam Relations
   - Build trust between U.S. and Vietnamese institutions, non-profit organizations and community organizations
   - Enhance people-to-people ties

2. Promoting a Free and Open Indo-Pacific Region
   - Promote freedom of expression, press, association, religion. Promote social inclusion, including:
     ✓ women’s rights and empowerment
     ✓ access and legal reform for disabled persons
     ✓ LGBT rights
     ✓ ethnic/ religious minorities’ rights
     ✓ civil society development
     ✓ other marginalized groups, such as victims of human trafficking or underprivileged youth

SELECTION CRITERIA AND REVIEW PROCESS

A panel of Embassy personnel will review and select finalists.

Priority will be given to projects that have:

- Relevance to the themes noted above
- A high number of alumni from different programs or an alumni thematic group (alumni working in a common field)
- The greatest geographic and/or demographic reach
- A high level of cost-sharing (any cost shared by alumni instead of being requested from the Embassy, e.g.: venue rental, voluntary contribution of time, travel, accommodation, coordination, honorarium, etc.)
- Implementation in underserved locations

Grant funds can be used to:

- Initiate activities for an alumni-run group
- Initiate a public or community service program
- Launch a pilot program at a non-governmental organization or academic institution
- Organize training programs or workshops
- Develop and publish curricula, textbooks, or related reference or educational materials
- Conduct community development projects judged by the grants selection committee to be in the interest of the above program goals
- Award only a reasonable amount of honorarium to trainers

Grant funds *CANNOT* be used to:

- Cover excessive costs related to meals, drinks (no alcohol is allowed), gifts, etc.
- Support individual research projects of alumni
- Pay salaries or administrative overhead
- Support for-profit entities
- Pay for international travel outside of Vietnam

**HOW TO APPLY**

Alumni are invited to submit proposals online no later than 11:59 p.m., June 30, 2022. U.S. Mission Vietnam will not accept proposals submitted via fax, the postal system, or delivery companies.

Should you have any question, please contact your alumni coordinators:

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