



## **U.S. MISSION TO VIETNAM PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTIONS**

### **Call for Applications 2019 GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The U.S. Mission to Vietnam seeks candidates for the 2019 Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD). First, second, or third-year undergraduate students who demonstrate leadership through academic excellence, community involvement, and extracurricular activities, and who have a good command of English, are invited to apply for the program. **The application deadline is 5:00 a.m. Vietnam time, Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, for the academic year 2019-2020, Global UGRAD will provide one-semester scholarships to approximately 245 undergraduate students representing all world regions to study at U.S. colleges and universities. The program includes pre-academic English language training, academic coursework, service learning opportunities, professional development workshops, and cultural enrichment activities. Global UGRAD participants will be enrolled in undergraduate coursework at a U.S. college or university to allow ample opportunities for substantive interaction with U.S. faculty and student peers, and for exposure to U.S. academic and classroom culture. Global UGRAD participants will live on-campus with U.S. peers.

Students are required to participate in a minimum of twenty hours of community service activities during the program. Students are required to enroll in at least two courses in their major and at least one course in a U.S. Studies field, such as U.S. history, literature, art, or government.

Failure to meet the academic requirements of the university and Global UGRAD program (poor grades, failure to submit assignments or attend class) may result in dismissal from Global UGRAD. Participants must remain in good academic standing with a minimum 2.0 GPA.

#### **CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS**

Competition will be based on the potential of the candidates to become student leaders through academic performance, community involvement, and extracurricular activities, without regard to their field of study, race, religion, or gender. All applicants must fit the following criteria:

- ❖ Must be at least 18 years of age by the start date of their Global UGRAD Program in the United States;
- ❖ Are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in Vietnam;
- ❖ Will have completed their first year of undergraduate study by August 2019;
- ❖ Have at least one remaining semester to complete at their universities in Vietnam upon completion of the program in the United States;
- ❖ Achieved at least a 7.5 GPA in the previous semester;
- ❖ Demonstrate a strong command of written and spoken English;
- ❖ Demonstrate strong leadership qualities through academic performance, community involvement, and extracurricular activities; and
- ❖ Committed to return directly to Vietnam after the completion of the program.
- ❖ Note: Preference will be given to those who have had little or no experience in the United States.

## HOW TO APPLY?

To apply online, please click [Global UGRAD online application](#) to create an account and start your application for the program. Applications must be submitted through the online portal. Applications submitted via e-mail or in hard copy will not be considered. **The worldwide application deadline is 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday, December 31, 2018 (which is 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 1, 2019 Vietnam time).** Applications submitted after this deadline will not be considered.

Application Package: A full and complete Global UGRAD student application package includes the following documents: completed application form, copy of passport bio page, academic transcripts for years of university study (with English translations), two letters of reference (with English translations), and grade equivalence between local grading system and U.S. grading system.

Also, please visit the program website at [UGRAD website](#) for the full program description, program eligibility requirements, a link to the online application and videos of UGRAD students currently in the U.S.

Applicants studying at a university in northern Vietnam (from Quang Tri Province to the north) can send any questions regarding the program to:

### **The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program**

Public Affairs Section  
U.S. Embassy, 7 Lang Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi  
Tel: (84) (24) 3850 5000, ext. 6034  
Email: [pas.culture@gmail.com](mailto:pas.culture@gmail.com)

Applicants studying at a university in southern Vietnam (from Thua Thien-Hue Province to the south) can send any questions regarding the program, to:

### **The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program**

Public Affairs Section  
United States Consulate General  
4 Le Duan, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City.  
Tel: (84) (28) 3520 4657  
Email: [lemuontk@state.gov](mailto:lemuontk@state.gov)

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR AWARDS IN JUNE 2019.