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Embassy of Ireland

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To whom it may concern

**IRISH AID IDEAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2015 - 2016**

Irish Aid is now calling for applications from Vietnamese nationals who are interested in undertaking postgraduate study in Ireland for the academic year 2015-2016 under the Irish Development Experience Sharing Programme (IDEAS), including:

- **Irish Aid IDEAS Strand 1 Scholarship:** for postgraduate study in Business Administration and related subjects (Finance, Project Management, Marketing, etc.) at University College Dublin (UCD) Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, Ireland. IDEAS Strand 1 is open to candidates from all sectors, public and private.
- **Irish Aid IDEAS Strand 2 Scholarship:** for postgraduate study in technical areas such as ICT, Biotechnology, Pharmacy and Social Sciences. IDEAS Strand 2 is intended to support candidates from the public sector including universities, research institutes, and government agencies. This scholarship also includes additional English language grants to disadvantaged candidates as required.

Scholarship awards cover: return airfare, course fees, public health insurance, a stipend to cover accommodation and subsistence costs, settling-in allowance, and book and clothing allowances (where appropriate).

Irish Aid scholarships are intended to support candidates who would otherwise be unable to access overseas postgraduate opportunities.

Potential awardees will need to demonstrate a personal commitment to return to Vietnam following their course of study in order to make a contribution towards the development of their country. We particularly encourage applications from public sector employees, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and other marginalised groups.

For further information relating to the approved course list, application form, eligibility criteria, selection process and other queries, please visit Embassy website [www.embassyofireland.vn](http://www.embassyofireland.vn) or contact the Embassy of Ireland in Hanoi (Tel: 04-3938-7808; email: [irish.aid@dfanet.ie](mailto:irish.aid@dfanet.ie)).

We hope this information is useful to you. Please encourage your qualified colleagues to apply for the scholarship.

Yours sincerely,

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Embassy of Ireland





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**IRISH AID IDEAS STRAND 1 SCHOLARSHIP 2015 -2016**

*Ireland is a world class destination for English language third level education*

The Embassy of Ireland is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the **2015 Irish Aid IDEAS Strand 1 Scholarships programme** for postgraduate study in business, finance and other disciplines at the University College Dublin (UCD) Michael Smurfit Business School, Ireland.

UCD Michael Smurfit Business School is Ireland's leading business school and is one of less than sixty schools worldwide to be awarded all three major business school accreditations, AACSB (USA), EQUIS (Europe) and AMBA (UK). UCD Michael Smurfit Business School is ranked 91st in the world and 25th in Europe by the prestigious Financial Times ranking while its full-time MBA programme is ranked 68th in the world's top 100 according to the Economist Intelligence Unit. UCD is the only Irish business school to gain a place in both of the aforementioned rankings.

The successful candidates of this Scholarship competition will be awarded an opportunity to study at one of the world's leading business schools and to live in one of Europe's most dynamic, friendly and beautiful countries.

**Scholarship awards cover:** return airfare, full tuition fees, public health insurance, a stipend to cover accommodation and subsistence costs, settling-in allowance, and book and clothing allowances (where appropriate). Scholarships are for individuals for full time study of 12 months duration for MBA or Master Programme.

We particularly encourage applications from public sector, ethnic minorities, people with disability and other marginalised groups in Vietnam.



### ***IDEAS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE BUSINESS STUDIES***

The Irish Aid Development Experience and Sharing (IDEAS) scholarship programme started in 2009 and covers postgraduate study in business administration and related subjects (finance, project management, marketing, etc.). The number of scholarships awarded has increased year on year while UCD's alumni network based in Vietnam also continues to grow. Last year, we offered 25 full scholarships and these students are presently undertaking their chosen programme of study in Dublin.

In 2015, the following MBA and Masters courses will be delivered by the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business, in Dublin, Ireland. See <http://www.smurfitschool.ie> for full programme and curriculum details.

- Full-Time MBA
- MSc in Project Management
- MSc in Business Analytics
- MSc in Supply Chain Management
- MSc in Finance
- MSc Energy and Environmental Finance
- MSc in Quantitative Finance
- MSc in Management Consultancy
- MSc in iBusiness - Innovation through ICT
- MSc in Marketing
- MSc Food Business Strategy
- MSc in Digital Marketing
- MSc in International Business
- MSc in Strategic Management and Planning
- MSc in Strategic Management Accounting

### ***APPLICATION PROCESS***

**The application process is in two stages:**

**Step 1:** Acceptance by UCD to one of the above mentioned programmes: submit on line application **and** participate in a Skype/telephone interview.

- a. Applications open from Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- b. **FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:** January 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.



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### **Important points to note:**

- Only **complete** applications will be accepted (i.e. all documents must be submitted together and incomplete applications will not be accepted)
- All applicants must have achieved the minimum score required for entry to UCD in a recognised English Language test – IELTS 6.5 overall with no lower than 6 in each band **before** the final application deadline of January 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- All English Language tests must be in date.
- All MBA Applicants must have taken the GMAT exam before the final round interviews in April 2015.
- No applications will be accepted after the final application deadline of January 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.
- **We strongly encourage applicants to apply early** as applications will be assessed in order of receipt.

Please visit UCD website for further details and to submit your on-line application:  
<http://www.smurfitschool.ie/vietnam>.

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2015:** Following the review of applications and telephone interviews, applicants will be informed by e-mail whether or not they have been accepted onto a course at the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business. Candidates will also be advised if they have been selected to move forward to the next stage of the Scholarship competition.

### **Step 2: Application for an Irish Aid Scholarship.**

Candidates accepted onto a course in UCD are eligible to apply for an Irish Aid scholarship. Please visit the Embassy website [www.embassyofireland.vn](http://www.embassyofireland.vn) and our alumni portal [www.vietnamirelandalumni.org](http://www.vietnamirelandalumni.org). The deadline for receipt of completed Irish Aid Application is **6<sup>th</sup> March 2015**.

**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015:** Final round interviews will be held in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. Shortlisted candidates must be available to attend for interview in either Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City during these dates.

Successful candidates will be notified by the Irish Embassy shortly after the final round interviews have been completed.

### **Information Event:**

An Information Event will be held both in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in November 2014 and candidates who have applied prior to November 2014 will be invited to attend.



**Summary of Eligibility Criteria:**

<b>Vietnamese Citizen residing in Vietnam</b>	
Years of experience:	<b>For MSc courses:</b> Minimum of 1 year <b>post-graduation</b> work experience. Applicants must have completed their studies prior to January 2014. <b>For MBA course:</b> Minimum 3 years <b>post-graduation</b> work experience in any field.
Academic qualification:	Official university degree minimum level "kha' ". Minimum GPA score of 7.0/10 (or equivalent). GMAT : 550/800 for MBA applications (GMAT is not required from MSc applicants)
Class contribution:	Ability to demonstrate a contribution to group work and interactive class discussions
Language proficiency:	English : IELTS: 6.5 overall(Academic) no lower than 6 in each band
Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of their home country and return to home country at the end of course.</li><li>- Be able to take up the fellowship in the academic year for which it is offered.</li><li>- Provide a letter of reference.</li></ul>

**For Step 1: Please contact UCD:**

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### IRISH AID IDEAS STRAND 2 SCHOLARSHIP 2015-2016

*Ireland is a world class destination for English language third level education and Irish Aid offers a number of scholarships to Vietnamese students every year.*

The Irish Aid IDEAS (Development Experience and Sharing Programme) Strand 2 scholarship programme for the academic year 2015-2016 is calling for applications by candidates from Vietnam to undertake postgraduate study in higher education institutions in Ireland in technical areas such as **Pharmacy, Biotechnology, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Social Studies**.

Additionally there will be 1 (or maximum 2) scholarship in **Applied Linguistics for English Language** lecturers from targeted institutions.

Applicants from all universities, research institutes and government agencies can apply.

The total number of scholarship is expected to be between 10-15 depending on the quality of applications and costs of training.

Scholarship awards cover: return airfare, course fees, public health insurance, a stipend to cover accommodation and subsistence costs, settling-in allowance, and book and clothing allowances (where appropriate).

Potential awardees will need to demonstrate a personal commitment to return to Vietnam following their course of study in order to make a contribution towards the development of their country.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

The application process is in two stages:

**Stage 1:** Scholarship application, shortlisting by the Embassy

- Step 1: Deadline for submission of applications to the Embassy: 31 December 2014.
- Step 2: Shortlisted candidates are interviewed by the Embassy: February 2015

**Stage 2:** College applications, scholarship awards

- Successful shortlisted candidates to begin process of submitting college applications: April 2015
- Scholarship awards: June-July 2015

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For more information please visit the Embassy's website [www.embassyofireland.vn](http://www.embassyofireland.vn) or contact the

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