



Announcement
2012 STATE ALUMNI SMALL GRANT COMPETITION

The Embassy of the United States of America in Hanoi is pleased to invite Vietnamese alumni of US Government funded educational and exchange programs (State Alumni), including the Fulbright Program, Humphrey Fellowships, Study of the United States Institutes for Scholars and Student Leaders, International Visitor Leadership Program, Voluntary Visitor Program, Global Undergraduate Exchange Program and English Language Programs (Access Microscholarships, E-teachers), VEF, USAID, USDA alumni etc. to submit proposals for the 2012 State Alumni Small Grant Competition.

This competition is designed to assist you, as alumni of these exchange programs, to build on concepts and ideas you explored during your exchange period by implementing a project with a budget of up to **US\$3,000** for alumni or organizations with which alumni are working. Proposals (*in English*) are due to the U.S. Embassy Hanoi by **July 2, 2012**. Final selections will be announced in **August 2012**.

Proposals must support one or more of the following goals:

1. To enable alumni to work collectively to share the benefits of your exchange experience with Vietnamese audiences and to "give back" to the program in which you participated.
2. To foster alumni implementation and teaching of the concepts you explored during your exchange programs

Proposals must demonstrate how participating State Alumni will use their exchange experience to benefit others in Vietnam; explain how the project will enhance alumni professional development; show how the project will be evaluated by project participants; and demonstrate sustainability once funding for the project ends.

Proposals must bring together at least 2 (and preferably more) alumni of US Government-funded educational and exchange programs to work on a project together. **Projects that involve networking alumni from across programs or target disadvantaged communities will be given priority.**

The Embassy will post project results on the State Alumni website in the Vietnamese Community section (<https://alumni.state.gov/vn>) and include them in the Vietnamese State Alumni Newsletter. If they have not already, all alumni involved in the project, including the primary grant contact and all other participating alumni, must register on the State Alumni website. The winning project teams will be required to update their project progress and highlights, achievements on State Alumni website to share their experience with State Alumni members.

Project budgets must include cost-sharing and may only include allowable costs as explained below. Proposals must include both a narrative text and a detailed budget using the attached forms.

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 nongovernmental organization or academic institution
- Organize training programs or conferences for professional colleagues and/or other alumni
- Fund travel of US colleagues to Vietnam for conferences, training programs and professional collaboration
- Development and publication of curricula, textbooks, or related reference or educational materials
- Conduct alumni networking events
- Conduct other community development projects judged by the selection committee to be in the interest of the program goals

Grant funds cannot be used to:

- Cover representational costs such as meals, drinks, gifts, etc
- Support individual research projects of alumni
- Pay salaries or administrative overhead
- Pay for international travel outside of Vietnam

Grants will only be made to individuals who are alumni of the above-mentioned exchange programs or organizations with which alumni are working.

Alumni interested in this competition are invited to submit proposals using the attached forms to the email address leth2@state.gov no later than **Monday, July 2, 2012**.

Winning projects will be announced in August 2012.

If you need any further information, please feel free to call (04) 850 5000 (ext. 6044) or email leth2@state.gov.