

**UNITED STATES EMBASSY HANOI  
UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL HO CHI MINH CITY  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION**

**Call for Applications  
2017 GLOBAL UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) seeks candidates for the 2017 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 PM, Sunday, January 1, 2017.**

**Program Description**

Funded by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, for the academic year 2017-2018, Global UGRAD will provide one-semester scholarships to approximately 250 outstanding undergraduate students from underrepresented sectors of East Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, the Near East and North Africa, South and Central Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Western Hemisphere for non-degree, full-time study in the United States. Students will study at accredited four-year U.S. institutions of higher education, receive intensive English language instruction if needed, and engage in community service, professional development workshops, and cultural enrichment activities.

Global UGRAD participants will be enrolled full time in undergraduate course work at the host institution to allow ample opportunity for substantive interaction with U.S. faculty and student peers, and for exposure to U.S. academic and classroom culture. Host institutions will offer instruction on topics including academic research and writing, critical thinking, time management, note-taking, and studying for and taking tests. Participants will live on-campus with U.S. peers or in homestays with American families.

Students will be required to participate in a minimum of twenty hours of community service activities during the program. Students will also be required to enroll in 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. Competition is open to all applicants who:

- ❖ Are currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree program in Vietnam;
- ❖ Will have completed their first year of undergraduate study by August 2017;
- ❖ 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 command of written and spoken English;
- ❖ Demonstrate strong leadership qualities through academic performance, community involvement, and extracurricular activities;

- ❖ Preference will be given to those who have had little or NO experience in the U.S.; and
- ❖ Committed to return directly to Vietnam after the completion of the program.

## **How to apply?**

To apply online, please click <http://exchangeprograms.worldlearning.org/?go=globalUGRAD1718> to create an account and start your application for the program. Deadline for online submissions: **5:00 PM, Sunday, January 1, 2017**. Applications submitted via e-mail, or in hard copy will not be considered.

Also, please visit the program website at [UGRAD website](#) for the full program description, program eligibility requirements, a link to the online application and a great video of current UGRAD students 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: 84-4-3850 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) (8) 3520-4657

Email: [PASHCMC@state.gov](mailto:PASHCMC@state.gov)

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**SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR AWARDS BY MAY/JUNE 2017.**