



FULBRIGHT UNIVERSITY VIETNAM SUPPORT

2017 - 2020 | IMPLEMENTER: FULBRIGHT UNIVERSITY VIETNAM | PLANNED BUDGET: \$7,200,000

Launched in 2017, Fulbright University Vietnam (FUV) is a turning point in Vietnam's drive to reform its higher education system – it is the country's first fully independent non-profit university. The FUV model is based on American higher education traditions of open inquiry, research, and critical analysis, but firmly rooted in Vietnam's rich cultural traditions and heritage. By modeling core principles, including academic freedom, meritocracy, transparency, and equal access, FUV aims to bring world-class university standards to Vietnam and help unlock tremendous potential in Vietnam's education sector. USAID support will help FUV build admissions, financial aid, and recruitment offices; design curriculum and technology platforms; and develop student career and campus activity programs.

BUILD ADMISSIONS, FINANCIAL AID, AND RECRUITMENT OFFICES

FUV aims to become a world-class university and the first step in that direction is to recruit outstanding faculty. USAID is also working with FUV to establish admissions and financial aid teams, launch student outreach activities, and begin the work of onboarding the university's first undergraduate class. FUV's goal is wide access, affordable tuition, diversity and a scholarship program that will target candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds.

DESIGN CURRICULUM AND TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS

Academic curriculum at FUV will be interdisciplinary. Courses and programs will marry sciences, engineering, and arts, via both real-world applications and a strong classroom foundation. Learning technologies will be cutting edge.

DEVELOP STUDENT CAREER AND CAMPUS ACTIVITY PROGRAMS

FUV will help students explore careers in business and government, through internships and other opportunities. Out-of-classroom activities and campus life programs will be a feature of the university. To prepare graduates to thrive in the global job market, English will be the primary classroom language. An FUV education will emphasize critical and creative thinking skills, and intensive writing.

EXPECTED RESULTS

FUV will admit 50 students in its undergraduate program, which commences in autumn 2018. By 2020, there will be 500 full-time undergraduate students enrolled. USAID support will enable the university to establish its reputation, move towards U.S.-based accreditation, and grow through private contributions and tuition-based revenue. FUV students will access an exceptional liberal arts education and become the country's next generation of leaders.