Launched in 2016, 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 advance its goal of achieving international accreditation; develop executive education and other programs; and advance shared value partnerships with Vietnam’s technology, manufacturing, and service industry sectors.

STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE SYSTEMS
In order to achieve international accreditation for its undergraduate program as soon as possible, FUV will invest in developing governance, management, and staff resources, as well as building quality assurance systems. USAID support will help the university develop benchmarking systems for academic programs and build capacity for continuous institutional learning, which are key components of accreditation.

BUILD PARTNERSHIPS
A top university must successfully cultivate numerous diverse relationships with the government, the private sector, peer institutions, and the public to strengthen its independence. USAID support will develop FUV’s capacity to build shared value partnerships with organizations in Vietnam and abroad.

EXPAND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
FUV will carry out the next stage of undergraduate curriculum design under this grant, including the cultivation of signature programs in Vietnam Studies and Computer Science. USAID support will help launch the Fulbright Executive Education Program.

EXPECTED RESULTS
USAID support will help FUV achieve institutional sustainability. By investing in academic programs, faculty, governance systems, service offerings, accreditation, and shared value partnerships, the university will be positioned for continued expansion. FUV students will access an exceptional liberal arts education and become the country’s next generation of leaders.