



Agenda

Vietnam Education Foundation Fellows and Scholars Conference Learning Today ... Leading Tomorrow

Date	Time	Event	Location
March 16	2:00 to 7:00 pm	<p>Bus Tour of cultural monuments and museums in Washington, D.C., including the U.S. Capitol, the Air and Space Museum, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument.</p> <p>The bus will stop at several points to allow for photos and then will arrive at the Capitol Visitor Center for the Opening Reception at 7:00 pm.</p> <p>(Please note that due to security restrictions we will not be able to go into the White House or go up to the top of the Washington Monument.)</p>	<p>Meet in the Foyer of the Gallery Ballroom, Hilton Arlington Hotel at 1:45 pm for a prompt 2:00 pm departure.</p> <p>Second bus for delayed travelers: meet at 2:45 pm for a prompt 3:00 pm departure.</p>
	6:30 pm	Bus to the VIP Opening Reception (Limited seating, for late arrivals only)	Departs from the Hotel (meet in lobby at 6:15 pm)
	7:30 to 9:30 pm	<p>VIP Opening Reception on Capitol Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from the Honorable Ambassador Ted OSIUS, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam and H. E. Ambassador PHAM Quang Vinh, Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States • Remarks from the Honorable Bob KERREY, Chairman, Fulbright University Vietnam • Remarks from Ms. DAM Bich Thuy, President-Designate, Fulbright University • Remarks by Dr. NGUYEN Quan, Minister of Science and Technology • Scientific Poster Exhibition 	U.S. Capitol Visitor Center (CVC)
	9:30 pm	Buses depart from the CVC promptly to return to the Hilton Arlington Hotel	
March 17		Morning Events will be held at the Hilton Arlington Hotel, 2nd Floor, Mezzanine Level	

	7:00 to 8:20 am	Breakfast	Gallery Ballroom and Pre-Function Space
	8:30 to 8:45 am	Welcome Remarks Dr. Anhlan Phuc NGUYEN , Chair of the VEF Board of Directors Ms. Sandy DANG , Executive Director, VEF	Gallery Ballroom
	8:45 to 9:45 am	Keynote Presentation: A Dream is the beginning of everything Ms. Duy-Loan LE , Texas Instruments Senior Fellow, retired; Member of the National Instruments Board of Directors	Gallery Ballroom
	9:45 to 9:55 am	Remarks by H. E. Ambassador PHAM Quang Vinh , Ambassador of Vietnam to the United States	Gallery Ballroom
	9:55 to 10:55 am	Vietnam: Challenges and Opportunities over the Next Five Years <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. NGUYEN Quan, Minister of Science and Technology, Vietnam 2. Mr. Jeffrey GOSS, Assistant Dean/Executive Director/Associate Vice Provost Arizona State University 3. Mr. Murray HIEBERT, Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, Sumitro Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies 4. Ms. DAM Bich Thuy, President-Designate, Fulbright University Vietnam <p>Moderator: Dr. Edmund J. MALESKY, Member of the VEF Board of Directors, Associate Professor, Duke University</p> <p>Vietnam's rapid growth has allowed it to emerge as a middle income country with an increasingly diversified and complex economy. Join a panel of distinguished leaders representing different sectors to discuss the exciting new career and business opportunities that the country's transition has made possible.</p>	Gallery Ballroom
	10:55 to 11:10 am	Break	Pre-Function Space
	11:10 am to 12:00 pm	Panel Discussion: VEF Alumni's Journeys To Success <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. DUONG Hung Tuan, 2004 Fellow, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology 2. Associate Professor Dr. LE Thi Ly, 2004 Fellow, Vietnam National University-Ho Chi Minh City 	Gallery Ballroom

		<p>3. Dr. TRAN Viet Hung, 2007 Fellow, Founder and CEO of GotIt!</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. KimOanh NGUYEN-LAM, Program Director , Office of English Language Acquisition, U.S. Department of Education</p> <p>Many self-made entrepreneurs and leaders acquire their mastery by learning from their successes and failures. Shorten your roadmap to success by learning these lessons from the masters. Hear from three VEF Alumni: Dr. Duong Hung Tran, Dr. Le Thi Ly, and. Dr. Tran Viet Hung. Learn how they overcame barriers and obstacles to achieve their success. Understand what skill sets and approaches might help you better map your own path to success.</p>	
	12:00 to 1:15 pm	Lunch	Gallery Ballroom and Pre-Function Space
	1:15 to 5:00 pm	<p><i>Visits to Prominent Science and Policy Venues</i></p> <p>Please attend the session for which you are registered. Names for the NAS, LMI, and NSF visits have already been sent for advance approval. Please remember to bring your passport to pass through security at the NAS, NSF, and LMI.</p> <p>1. Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center The Udvar-Hazy Center is an impressive and unique museum located near Dulles Airport in Chantilly, Virginia that features thousands of historic aircraft dating from the early 20th Century to present day. It houses two main hangars that feature thousands of displays including the turbojet-powered supersonic Concorde jet, the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, and perhaps most impressively of all, the space shuttle Discovery along with a large collection of exhibits exploring U.S. contributions to human spaceflight and the cultural history surrounding aviation. The tour features knowledgeable docents who will provide an overview and answer questions about these and other top exhibits at this museum. This tour will touch upon many aspects of science, technology, and engineering from the history of human flight. Unfortunately, due to space limitations, only fellows will be able to take the shuttle to this museum. Additional family members will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the museum. Please see the museum website for alternate transportation options.</p>	Meet at the hotel lobby at 1:15 pm for a prompt departure at 1:30 pm.
		<p>2. National Science Foundation (NSF) The National Science Foundation has an annual budget of \$7.5 billion dollars, and offers grants in most areas of sciences and social sciences. NSF is not a research institute, but it makes possible an enormous amount of important cutting-edge research. A presentation, hosted at NSF by Dr. Nicole PETERSON, will explain how you might be able to tap into some of these funds by collaborating with U.S. scientists and researchers. You will also visit the NSF atrium where live trees are growing indoors.</p>	Meet at the Pre-Function Space of the Gallery Ballroom at 1:15 pm to walk to the NSF promptly at 1:25 pm.

		<p>3. Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI) The Lower Mekong Initiative was established in response to the July 23, 2009 meeting between Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and the Foreign Ministers of the Lower Mekong Countries -- Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam -- in Phuket, Thailand. A presentation, hosted at the U.S. Department of State by Dr. Johnathan MARGOLIS, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science, Space and Health will explain the progress of the LMI initiative. Dr. Margolis will ask several other key stakeholders from other U.S. government agencies such as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to discuss their perspectives and their hopes for further expanding this important initiative in Vietnam.</p>	Meet at the Hotel Lobby at 1:35 pm for a prompt departure at 1:40 pm.
		<p>4. National Academy of Sciences (NAS) The National Academy of Sciences was first established during the Civil War by President Lincoln to provide advice on science and technology to the U.S. Federal Government. This non-profit organization continues to advise U.S. governmental agencies on science policy. In the 20th century, the National Academy of Engineering, the Institute of Medicine, and the National Research Council were joined together into one organization, now known as the National Academies. Dr. John BORIGHT, Executive Director of the Office of International Affairs, will explain how the National Academies work and how his office is interacting with National Academies of Sciences across the world. The Keck Center is architecturally and historically significant, and the group will take a quick tour of the building.</p>	Meet at the hotel lobby at 1:30 pm for a prompt departure at 1:45 pm.
		Last bus departs from the science and policy venues at 5:00 pm	
	5:30 to 7:00 pm	Dinner at Hilton Arlington Hotel	Gallery Ballroom
	7:00 to 7:30 pm	Ambassador PHAM Quang Vinh invites VEF Fellows and Scholars to meet with him informally.	Picasso and Da Vinci, 2nd Floor
	7:30 to 10:00 pm	VEFFA Idol Talent Show for VEF Fellows and Scholars	Gallery Ballroom
March 18		Events will be held at the Hilton Arlington Hotel, 2nd Floor, Mezzanine Level	
	7:00 to 8:20 am	Breakfast	Gallery Ballroom and Pre-Function Space
	8:30 to 8:40 am	Morning Announcements	Gallery Ballroom
	8:40 to 9:40 am	Major U.S. Corporations in Vietnam: Expansion Plans and What They Look for When Hiring—Panel Ms. Eloisa ACHA , Planet National Instruments Mr. Marc P. MEALY , Vice President-Policy, U.S. ASEAN Business Council	Gallery Ballroom

		<p>Moderator: Mr. Jeffrey GOSS, Assistant Dean/Executive Director/Associate Vice Provost, Arizona State University</p> <p>With the changes in the global market and trade policies such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Vietnam will attract multinational companies to expand their businesses in Vietnam. The purpose of the panel is to equip VEF fellows with information regarding these companies' expansion plans and what these companies are looking for when hiring. Our panelists will answer key questions such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ What skill sets do companies seek? ➤ How can VEF Fellows use their scientific degrees in order to advance their career? ➤ What can VEF Fellows do to prepare themselves to take on leadership positions at these companies? ➤ What are the business opportunities over the next five years for Vietnam and ASEAN's markets? 	
	9:45 to 10:45 am	<p>Career-Building Sessions 1</p> <p>1. <i>Negotiating for Success</i></p> <p>Mr. Merrick HOBEN, Director of Washington, D.C. Regional Office, Consensus Building Institute Mr. Tushar KANSAL, Associate, Consensus Building Institute</p> <p>Negotiating successfully rests on a combination of analytical and interpersonal skills that help meet your core needs while also addressing those of your counterparts. Indeed, deals that generate “mutual gain” and strengthen relationships can create more meaningful and enduring outcomes, particularly in multi-stakeholder contexts. In this workshop, you will learn how to negotiate using the basics of the consensus building approach and a mutual gains strategy.</p>	Gallery I
		<p>2. <i>Strategies for Finding Professional Training Opportunities in the STEM Fields</i></p> <p>Mr. Anthony CHIAPPETTA, Director of Career Services, The Catholic University of America</p> <p>Training and experiential learning in your field of study is professionally nourishing and provides excellent opportunities for networking and career development. How do you find these professional training opportunities during your academic program and once you graduate? Learn about resources and strategies for finding opportunities for training.</p>	Gallery II
		<p>3. <i>Writing a Successful Research Grant</i></p> <p>Dr. Henry KHACHATURIAN, Training Program Policy Officer, Division of Biomedical Research Workforce, National</p>	Gallery III

		<p>Institutes of Health (NIH) Dr. Isaac SILVERA, Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor of the Natural Sciences, Harvard University, Former Chair of the VEF Board of Directors</p> <p>NIH provides more than \$30 billion dollars in research and non-research grants, primarily in biomedical and clinical fields. Dr. Khachaturian will describe the grant-writing process for NIH and give you tips on the best way to present your project for the best possible evaluation. Also included in the panel will be the perspective of Dr. Isaac Silvera, Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor of the Natural Sciences at Harvard University, where he has taught physics and conducted research since 1982. He is also a previous Chair of the VEF Board of Directors. Dr. Silvera will share his expertise on how to write a successful research grant.</p>	
		<p>4. Develop your Inner Strength – Key to Success</p> <p>Dr. Anhlan Phuc NGUYEN, Chair of the VEF Board of Directors, IT Portfolio Manager University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p>Based on her experience and wisdom, Dr. Anhlan Nguyen brings into perspective the importance of inner strength. She shares concepts of how to develop your inner strength in such a way that it will help you to unlock the power within yourself and to cope with the daily challenges of workload stress, uncertainty in the current environment and any obstacles in life. This inner strength will help you to maintain a balanced life with personal and professional goals accomplished.</p>	Picasso & Da Vinci
	10:45 to 11:00 am	Break	Pre-Function Space
	11:00 am to 12 pm	<p>Career-Building Sessions 2</p> <p>1. Vietnamese Political Economy</p> <p>Dr. Edmund J. MALESKY, Member of the VEF Board of Directors, Associate Professor, Duke University</p> <p>What does the future hold for Vietnam's politics, its economy, and its development? The field of political economy analyzes the interplay between economics and political institutions within a range of different social and economic systems. In this session, we will use the tools of political economy to discuss the prospects for Vietnam's development and prosperity. Particular attention will be paid to Vietnam's latest leadership choices and continuing global integration.</p>	Gallery I
		2. Leadership for Future Generations in Vietnam	Gallery II

		<p>Dr. Thanh N. TRUONG, Assistant Professor, University of Utah</p> <p>We often ask ourselves this question: “What is in it for me?” But history has shown that those who devote their lives to the greater good often achieve more and leave a longer-lasting impact on society. Join Dr. Thanh Nguyen Truong in a discussion focused on the importance of leadership. How can VEF fellows contribute to the development of human capital in Vietnam? Why it is important for VEF fellows and alumni to develop a new paradigm of leadership and how to put it into effect?</p>	
		<p>3. Publishing in Peer-Reviewed Journals</p> <p>Dr. Quyen CHU, Charles Knight, Sr. Endowed Professor of Surgery, Louisiana State University Shreveport, Former Member of the VEF Board of Directors Dr. Long NGO, Associate Professor, Harvard University Medical School, current VEF U.S. Faculty Scholar</p> <p>Publishing in peer-reviewed journals is critically important for scientists and engineers in an academic and research career. Two scientists with excellent publication records will share best practices in writing and submitting articles.</p>	Gallery III
		<p>4. Making a Professional First Impression</p> <p>Mr. Jason LEVIN, Founder and CEO of Ready Set Launch</p> <p>A positive first impression is essential to getting what YOU want: that next internship, job, grant, or business deal. First impressions help answer questions such as: Are you confident? Can I trust you? Are you reliable? Too often professionals focus on the substance of the work and not enough on how to package the message to their audience. In this workshop, you will learn how to use your verbal and non-verbal communication to make a professional first impression.</p>	Picasso & Da Vinci
	12:00 to 1:20 pm	Lunch	Gallery Ballroom and Pre-Function Room
	1:30 to 3:00 pm	<p>Immigration Q&A Session</p> <p>Ms. Sandarshi GUNAWARDENA, Senior Program Officer, VEF & Ms. Leslie LAWRENCE, Immigration Advisor, VEF</p> <p>An open forum for VEF Fellows and Scholars on immigration regulations and procedures governing their J status.</p>	Gallery II & III
	3:00 to 4:00 pm	<p>Poster Session</p> <p>Posters will be presented by 19 VEF Fellows (see</p>	Gallery I and Pre-Function Space

		<p>the program for the poster abstracts)</p> <p><i>Poster Judges:</i> Dr. Long NGO, Associate Professor, Harvard University (Biostatistics) Prof. Dr. DUNG Anh Duc, Vice President, Vietnam National University (VNU) Ho Chi Minh City (Computer Science) Assoc. Prof. Dr. NGUYEN Hieu, Director of Organization Personnel Department, VNU-Hanoi, (Geography) Prof. Dr. NGUYEN Huu Duc, Vice-President, VNU-Hanoi (Physics and Materials Science) Dr. Tho NGUYEN, Managing Director, Center for Automata Processing and Senior Research Program Officer, University of Virginia (Computer Science) Dr. Isaac SILVERA, Thomas Dudley Cabot Professor, Harvard University (Physics) Dr. Teresa STOEPLER, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) S&T Policy Fellow, U.S. Geological Survey (Ecology, Physiology, Microbiology) Dr. Thanh N. TRUONG, Assistant Professor, University of Utah (Chemistry) Dr. Randy WADKINS, Associate Professor, University of Mississippi (Biochemistry)</p> <p>Tea and coffee service will be available during the session.</p>	
	4:00 to 5:30 pm	VEFFA Meeting	Gallery II and III
	7:00 pm to midnight	<p>Closing Dinner</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Announcements 2. Performances of the top three VEFFA Idol Winners 3. Poster Awards 4. Conference Closing 5. Dancing 	Gallery Ballroom
March 19	7:00 to 8:30 am	Breakfast	Gallery Ballroom and Pre-Function Space
		Departures	