Fulbright University Việt Nam

Study Abroad at Fulbright University Việt Nam



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Dr. ĐINH VŨ TRANG NGÂN

President of Fulbright University Vietnam

Dear students,

At Fulbright, you'll find an environment that encourages curiosity, dialogue, and connection. Beyond the academic experience, I hope you'll take time to explore the vibrant city of Ho Chi Minh, immerse yourself in Vietnamese culture, and build friendships that cross borders and last a lifetime. We're honored to be part of your journey. Welcome to your home away from home.

As a university deeply committed to global citizenship and cross-cultural learning, we are thrilled to have you join our community - not just as visitors, but as fellow learners, explorers, and changemakers. Your presence enriches our classrooms, our conversations, and our campus life.

Warmest regards,
Đinh Vũ Trang Ngân

"It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Fulbright University Vietnam.





WHY VIETNAM?

Vietnam is the land of vibrant contrasts. It's a harmonious blend of ancient culture and youthful energy, of tranquil rice paddies and vibrant cities, where old traditions meet new opportunities. No matter what you want to explore, you'll find inspiration, challenge, and genuine warmth at every turn.

WHY HO CHI MINH CITY?

At the heart of southern Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City (also known as Saigon) is a city that never sits still. Home to a vibrant economy, innovative start-ups, and world-renowned street food, it's a youthful hub for students seeking adventure and opportunity.

As Vietnam's economic and cultural hub, this city offers students a unique opportunity to explore global business, history, and social change firsthand. Beyond the classroom, students get to explore new ideas, build cross-cultural connections, and grow as global leaders—all in an environment that's affordable and accessible.

EXPLORE VIETNAM WITH US



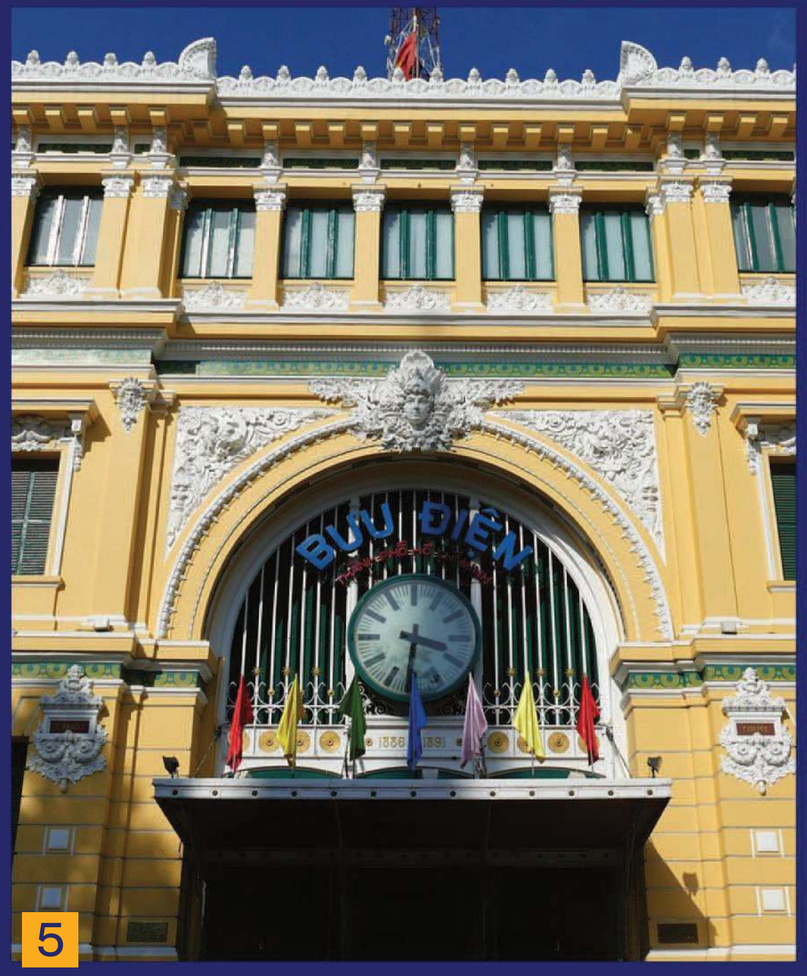
Every moment is an opportunity to explore! Whether you have a few hours, a day, or a full week, there are always options to immerse yourself in Vietnam's unique culture, history, and natural beauty.

In and Around Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh City has a warm tropical climate year-round, with a dry season (December–April) perfect for outdoor activities and a rainy season (May–November) bringing short afternoon showers that refresh the city.

WALKING TOUR OF DISTRICT 1

Explore the heart of the city on foot – from the Notre Dame Cathedral, Central Post Office, and Opera House, to bustling local markets. Perfect for a half-day adventure and a first taste of Vietnam's unique mix of French colonial and modern architecture.



DAY TRIP TO CỦ CHI TUNNELS

Just 1.5 hours outside the city, discover the historic underground tunnel network used during the Vietnam War. Gain deeper insights into the country's resilience while walking through history.





MEKONG DELTA EXCURSION

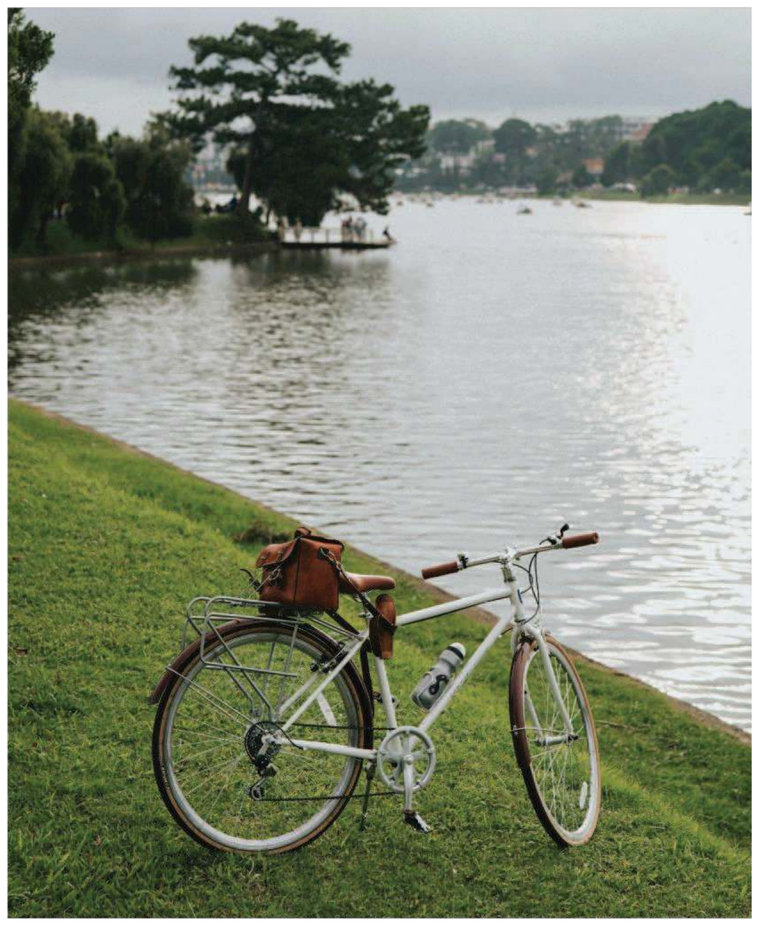
A full-day trip to the "rice bowl" of Vietnam. Cruise along the river, visit floating markets, and experience local village life.

WEEKEND GETAWAYS



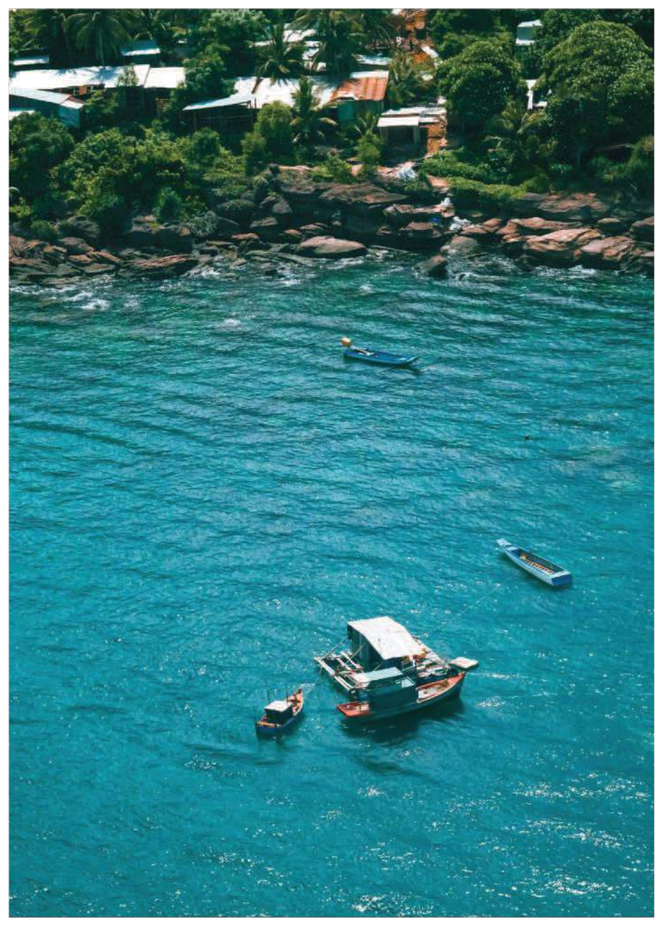
ĐÀ LẠT

Escape the heat with a weekend in Vietnam's "City of Eternal Spring." Known for pine forests, flower gardens, waterfalls, and cool mountain air, Đà Lạt is perfect for nature lovers and coffee enthusiasts.



PHÚ QUỐC ISLAND

A short flight from Ho Chi Minh City, this tropical paradise is home to white-sand beaches, coral reefs, and world-class resorts. Ideal for a relaxing break by the sea.



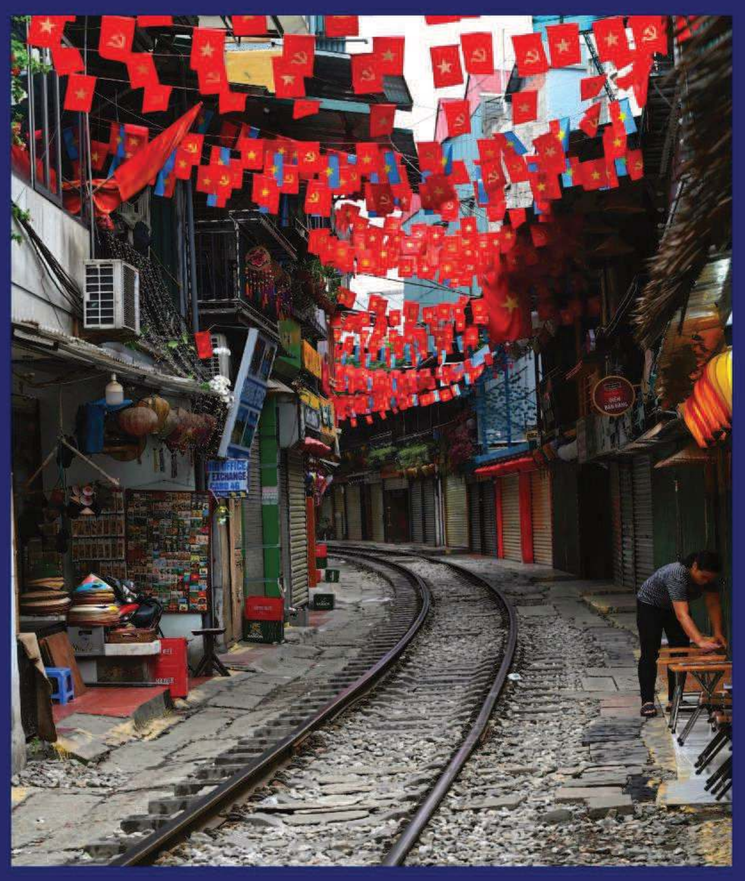
HUẾ – ĐÀ NẴNG – HỘI AN

Travel through Vietnam's central region to explore the ancient imperial city of Huế, relax on the beaches of Đà Nẵng, and wander the lantern-lit streets of Hội An. This trio offers the best of history, modern vibrancy, and charm.



HÀ NỘI & NORTHERN HIGHLANDS

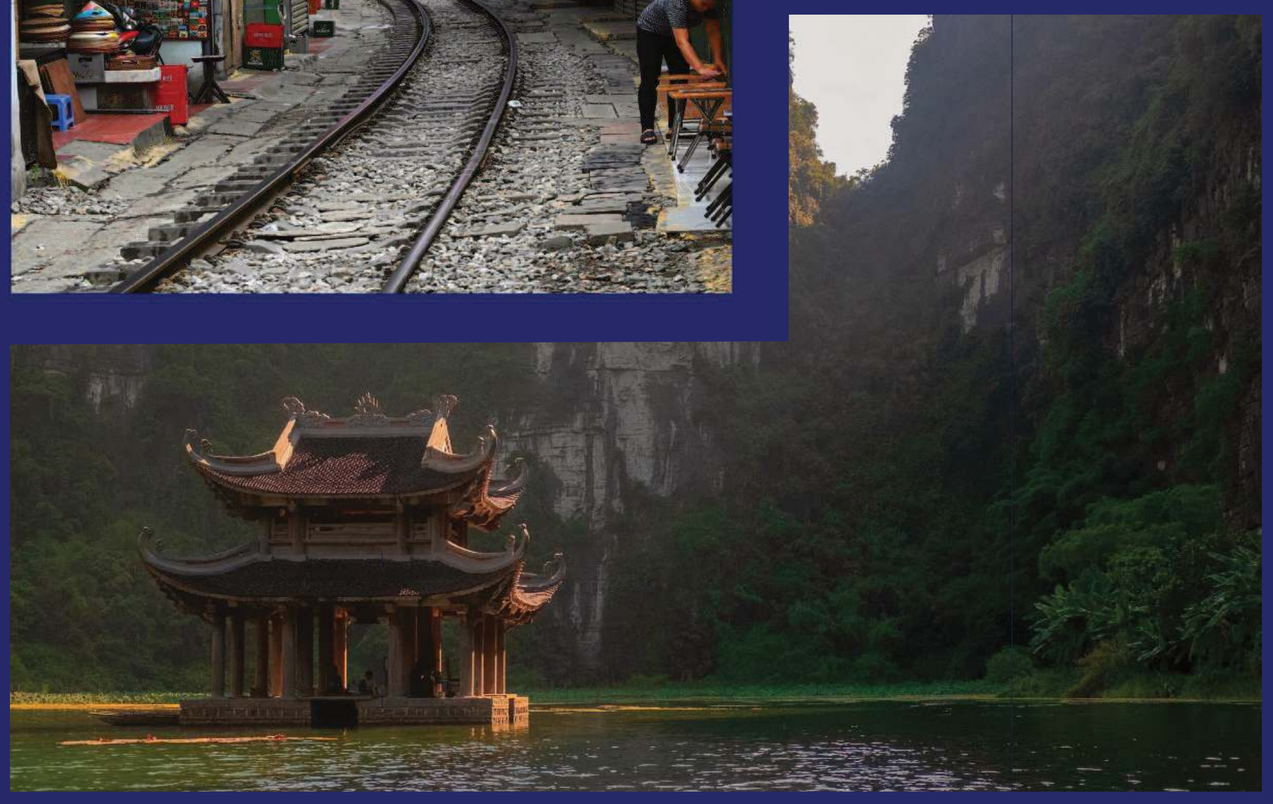
Discover Vietnam's capital with its Old Quarter, French boulevards, and hidden cafés. Extend your journey to Sapa for terraced rice fields, or to Hà Giang for dramatic mountain passes and ethnic minority villages.



WEEK-LONG CUTURAL JOURNEYS

HẠ LONG BAY & NINH BÌNH

Glide through limestone karsts and emerald waters in the UNESCO-listed Hạ Long Bay - a breathtaking seascape of towering cliffs and hidden coves. Then journey south to Ninh Bình, with cave rivers wind through tranquil rice paddies.



A VIETNAMESE UNIVERSITY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Fulbright is the first private not-for-profit university in Vietnam, located in Ho Chi Minh City. We are dedicated to developing highly educated, globally connected citizens through future-focused teaching, technology, and research grounded in the American liberal arts tradition. Our faculty, leadership, and partners comprise renowned international scholars, artists, and entrepreneurs.

01
Committed
Dedicated to enhancing Vietnamese society through the rigorous education of multicultural connected citizens inspired to engage the future.

02
Innovative
Free from convention, where teaching, research, and organization are designed for maximum impact in today's world.

03
Independent
Not-for-profit, self-governing, and built in a robust academic environment defined by curricular autonomy and a commitment to transparency and meritocracy.

04
International
Founded on Fulbright's historic commitment in Vietnam, led by global intellectuals and executives, and supported by renowned partners.

05
Student-centered
Open to all, rooted in the American liberal arts tradition but embracing new teaching models conceived to prepare students for critical roles in the evolving economy.

06
Future-focused
Energized by the entrepreneurial dynamism of Vietnamese society and linked to thinkers, innovators, and artists transforming the nation.

OUR ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

BRINGING THE LIBERAL ARTS TO VIETNAM

Fulbright's undergraduate program combines the broad, skills-focused education style of American liberal arts universities with Vietnam's cultural and local context. Students learn how to think in a multidisciplinary way, explore different majors, and engage with real-world challenges. In Fulbright's close-knit community, you can easily connect with professors for enriching academic and personal mentorship. Your curiosity and thoughts are always welcomed in a safe, encouraging space!



AN EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY

Our undergraduate faculty come from Vietnam, the U.S., and around the world, with advanced degrees from leading institutions, including

Freie Universität Berlin · Sorbonne Université · UC San Diego · Princeton University · The University of Chicago · Harvard University · Texas – The University of Texas at Austin · McGill · Berkeley – University of California · Yale · University of Cambridge · Cornell University · Duke University

WE OFFER AT VARIETY OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR YOU TO EXPLORE DURING THEIR TIME AT FULBRIGHT UNIVERSITY VIETNAM.

11 Majors

01 Applied Mathematics
02 Integrated Sciences
03 Psychology
04 Social Studies
05 Economics
06 History
07 Computer Science
08 Vietnam Studies
09 Literature
10 Art and Media Studies
11 Human-Centered Engineering

4 Interdisciplinary Minors

01 Business, Policy and Society
02 East Asian Studies
03 Gender and Sexuality Studies
04 Science and Technology Studies

All courses are taught in English.

HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION



THE DOCKLANDS RESIDENCE

Exchange students have the option to live in the Docklands Saigon compound, an apartment-style residence located just a five-minute shuttle bus ride from the District 7 campus.

The Docklands residence offers a dedicated shuttle service to campus and a range of on-site facilities:

- **Amenities:** Residents can access a fitness center (including yoga facilities), tennis courts, a swimming pool, and a library/study area.
- **Residential Support:** A team of on-site staff, including Resident Advisors and Student Resident Advisors, is available to provide help whenever students need it.
- **Wellness Programs:** Three free Residential Life programs (Bustle, FulLife, WeCARE) cover your well-being and provide support for basic needs, wellness, and mental/physical health.
- **24/7 Safety:** For any emergencies while a student is under Fulbright's care, the university provides access to its security and health consultant, International SOS, available 24/7.

TRANSPORTATION

In addition to the complimentary shuttle bus that runs between Docklands and the D7 Campus, local transportation is flexible and accessible. Like many Fulbright students, you can use bicycles or motorbikes to explore the surrounding area.

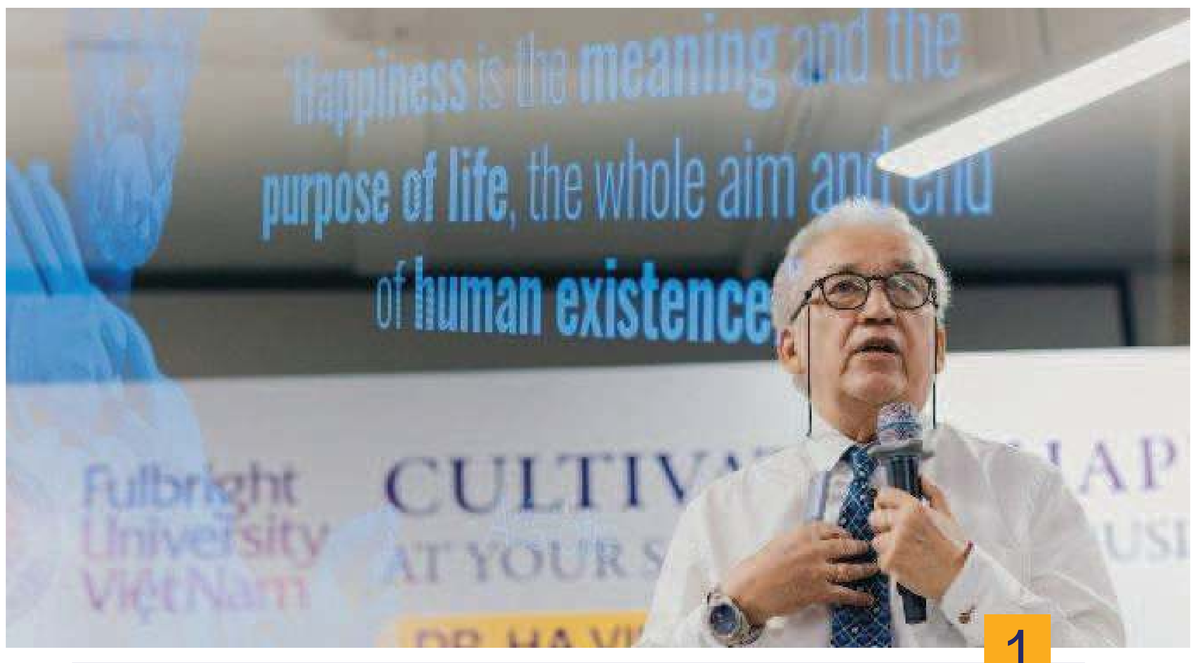
Alternatively, ride-hailing apps like Grab, Be, and Xanh SM allow you to instantly book car or motorbike taxis: a typical one-way trip from Docklands to campus costs approximately 25,000 VND (0.9 USD) by motorbike or 50,000 VND (1.9 USD) by car.



THRIVE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Our campus hosts a diverse lineup of academic talks as well as clubs that connect students to like-minded Fulbright fellows. With guidance from staff and faculty advisors, students can come together to fully explore, develop and pursue lifelong passions, actively planning and participating in projects close to their heart.

CO-CURRICULAR EVENTS



1

Program Director of the Gross National Happiness Centre in Bhutan, Dr. Ha Vinh Tho's talk "Cultivating Happiness at Your Schools and Businesses"



2

Panel discussion titled "AI Transformations: Understanding the Political and Social Impact of AI" by Fulbright faculty and alumni



3

World-renowned film director and screenwriter Tran Anh Hung's talk "Thinking about cinema"



4

An intimate conversation with football star Huỳnh Như, an all-time leading goalscorer for the national women's team and the first Vietnamese female player to compete professionally in Europe.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Embodying the spirit of "The Art of Academia," the "Returning to Mother's Embrace" concert features the timeless melodies of the late musician Trịnh Công Sơn.

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The annual Sports Week is a dynamic, week-long event featuring the Coed Tournament and Sports Fest. This event engages students, faculty, staff, and external university teams in a wide variety of sports.

The Inspiring Vietnam 2025 Short Film Competition, co-hosted by Fulbright University and the Nguyen-Phuong Family Foundation, gives young people across Asia a creative platform to voice their perspectives on "Mental Health Among Youth."

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and so much more...









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OUR PARTNERS



NATIONAL YANG MING CHIAO TUNG UNIVERSITY

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UC RIVERSIDE

REED COLLEGE

香港中文大學 The Chinese University of Hong Kong

DARTMOUTH

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY Weatherhead East Asian Institute

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN

NJIT New Jersey Institute of Technology

UC Irvine

Bard

HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN



Estimated monthly costs:

Dorm expenses	225 USD (utilities included)
Meals	160 USD
Transportation	45 USD
Other costs (phone services, books, etc.)	50 USD

* Vietnam uses its own currency called Vietnam Dong (VND). 1 USD = 26,342 VND

Additional costs for entertainment

Street food (per meal)	0.80 – 2.40 USD
Movie ticket + popcorn (per person)	4.90 – 9.10 USD
Dessert (per dish)	0.80 – 3.70 USD
Buffet Hotpot/BBQ (per meal)	8.00 – 20.00 USD
Zoo/Museum ticket (per person, student discount possible with student ID)	0.80 – 2.40 USD
DIY Workshop (per person)	12.00 – 22.00 USD

If you are an undergraduate, degree-seeking student at one of our exchange partner institutions, you can apply to study abroad at Fulbright University Vietnam for one or two semesters.
To get started:

1. Consult your university's study abroad office to confirm your eligibility and begin your internal application process.
2. Once accepted by your home university, they will provide information on how to complete Fulbright's online exchange application. If you have any questions about this process, please email GlobalEngagement@fulbright.edu.vn
3. After receiving your acceptance from Fulbright, you'll be given instructions on visa application and course registration.
4. Pack your bags and come to Ho Chi Minh City!

You can learn more about Fulbright University Vietnam and our undergraduate programs on our website: fulbright.edu.vn.





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