

January 13, 2012

Mr. Christopher J. Fussner  
Vietnam Education Foundation  
2111 Wilson Blvd., Suite 700  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear Mr. Fussner:

It is with great pleasure that I write in support of the Vietnam Education Foundation, which has been an extremely valuable partner to Washington State University in its commitment to advance, extend, and apply knowledge through local and global engagement in higher education.

WSU has had a close relationship with the VEF since 2007, when we welcomed our first VEF Fellow. Through this Fellowship program, WSU has hosted two doctoral degree seeking fellows in the fields of Structural Engineering in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and Environmental Science in the Department of Environmental Science and Regional Planning, as well as one masters seeking fellow in Machine Learning in the Department of Computer Science. VEF and WSU have provided these outstanding fellows with the opportunity to further their education in these fields so that they can assume roles of leadership, and responsibility to improve the quality of life and research for their nation. With their support, WSU has gained valuable collaborative relationships with these individuals and other Vietnamese universities.

Washington State University looks forward to continuing its relationship with the Vietnam Education Foundation to further provide premier education and a transformative experience for students.

Sincerely,



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Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School