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VEF SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND GRANTS FOR VIETNAMESE VISITING SCHOLARS AND U.S. FACULTY SCHOLARS FOR 2012

Hanoi January 16, 2012. [The Vietnam Education Foundation \(VEF\)](http://www.vef.gov) is pleased to announce that the number of awards for VEF Fellowships and the number of grants for Visiting Scholars and U.S. Faculty Scholars have been significantly increased for the 2012 cohort.

1. Fellowship Program: The total number of fellowships to be awarded in 2012 has been increased from 45 to 60.

2. Visiting Scholar Program: The number of awards for the 2012 cohort has been increased from 3 to 15.

3. U.S. Faculty Scholar Program: The number of awards for the 2012 cohort has been increased from 5 to 15.

The deadlines for the three programs are coming up soon:

- Visiting Scholars: February 10, 2012
- U.S. Faculty Scholars: February 10, 2012
- Fellowships, Process B: March 8, 2012

The detailed announcements and online application forms for the three programs are available at the VEF website: www.vef.gov.

The Vietnam Education Foundation, an initiative of the U.S. Congress, is a U.S. Federal Government independent agency and is in its tenth year of operations. As its flagship activity, the VEF Fellowship Program has supported 378 Fellows in graduate programs at 80 top-tier U.S. universities. The VEF Visiting Scholar Program provides opportunities for Vietnamese to pursue post-doctoral programs at U.S. universities from five to 12 months. From 2007 to date, VEF has awarded grants to 32 Visiting Scholars. In addition, the U.S. Faculty Scholar Program allows for American professors to teach at Vietnamese universities for one or two terms either on-site in Vietnam or via real-time interactive videoconferencing. Seventeen (17) American professors have participated in the U.S. Faculty Scholar Program since its inception in 2008. VEF Fellows and Visiting Scholars are required to return to Vietnam upon completion of their academic programs in the United States.

For further detailed information on VEF and specific VEF Programs, please visit the VEF website: www.vef.gov.