



Nurturing Vietnam's legal talents

GLOBALIZED ERA SCHOLARSHIP Hanoi, 2014

For final year law students

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INTRODUCTION

The Globalized Era Scholarship (**GES**) program is now in its fifth year and opens to final year law students from Hanoi Law University; the Faculty of Law – Vietnam National University, Hanoi; Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam; Ho Chi Minh City University of Law; University of Economics and Law and the Faculty of Law – University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City.

Sponsored by a number of law practitioners and commercial enterprises (the **sponsors**), this program aims to provide selected students with financial aid as well as assistance in career development as they are about to enter the legal profession.

The students (the **scholars**) are selected through a written application and interview process. Each of them will then be assigned to each sponsor for individualized contact and mentoring. The program then runs throughout the scholars' academic year with many activities of different kinds organized by sponsors, alumni, and the scholars themselves.



WHAT DO SPONSORS GIVE?

(i) Financial assistance

Each sponsor will provide his/her assigned scholar with a monthly grant of VND 500,000 per month for a period of one academic year (from September to July the following year).

(ii) Mentoring

Sponsors will:

- meet with their assigned scholar approximately once a month to discuss his/her study or career plans and provide other help as necessary;
- allow scholars to participate in training or social events at their firms; and
- at their discretion, offer internships to scholars.

WHAT DO SPONSORS RECEIVE IN RETURN?

(i) Branding

Once selected, the scholar becomes associated with the sponsor and will be so branded. For example, the scholar sponsored by Firm A is known as "Firm A Scholar".

(ii) Identifying potential recruits

If appropriate, the sponsor may decide to employ the scholar on a part time basis or, after the scholar graduates, on a full time basis. There is of course no obligation for the sponsor to do. Equally, there is no obligation on the part of the scholar to accept employment with the sponsor.

(iii) Contribution to legal education

WHAT DO SCHOLARS GIVE?

(i) Excellent academic abilities and other criteria

Firstly, scholars must demonstrate excellent academic ability, through academic results, essays and oral interviews. English proficiency is a must, as the application process is solely conducted in English.

Secondly, scholars must have a work oriented attitude by showing eagerness to be associated with "the real world". This will enable scholars to benefit from interactions with sponsors during the period of the scholarship.

Thirdly, scholars must demonstrate leadership potential and a socially responsible attitude. This may be shown through his/her involvement in extracurricular activities.

(ii) Continuing efforts

Scholars are expected to maintain their academic excellence and other qualities throughout the period of the scholarship. In the monthly meeting with the sponsor, the student must report on his/her academic results and other activities the scholar has undertaken in the past month.

WHAT DO SCHOLARS RECEIVE IN RETURN?

(i) Branding

Once selected, the scholar is entitled to publicize his/her association with the sponsor. For example, the scholar sponsored by Firm A may describe himself as "Firm A Scholar".

(ii) Financial assistance

Each scholar will receive from the sponsor a monthly financial grant as mentioned above.

(iii) Mentoring service

Each scholar will be mentored by the sponsors. This mentoring will give the scholar contact with experienced people and exposure to the practical world and will facilitate his/her transition from law school to practice after graduation. The scholar may be invited by the sponsor to participate in work functions and other events organized by the sponsor.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The main objective is to select "the best and the brightest" students from selected schools. This will be based on written applications, essays and oral interviews.

All candidates applying for GES 2014 in Hanoi must ensure that they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Being a final year student at the time applying for GES 2014 in Hanoi
- Studying in one of the following schools:
 - Hanoi Law University; or
 - Faculty of Law – Vietnam National University; or
 - International Law Faculty – Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.



SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be invited from the entire cohort of final year students at the selected schools, on the basis of which around twenty students will be shortlisted and invited for interviews. A number of scholars equal to the number of participating sponsors will be selected and announced (unless a sponsor volunteers to adopt more than one scholar). Finally, the sponsors will draw lots to determine their respective scholars.

The written application will include a brief CV (in English), academic results for previous academic years (in Vietnamese) and a short essay in English. Interviews will be conducted in English and/or Vietnamese.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- (i) Inviting applications;
- (ii) Applications are received and evaluated; Candidates are shortlisted for interview;
- (iii) Candidates are interviewed and scholars selected;
- (iv) GES 2014 begins.



APPLICATION GUIDE FOR GES 2014 IN HANOI

To apply for GES 2014 in Hanoi, **before midnight of Friday, 10 October 2014** please send us the following documents to gescholaship@gmail.com.

1. Copy of transcript

Preferably the transcript should be issued by your school. If you cannot obtain an official transcript, you may prepare an unofficial one providing that it is accurate and you will be responsible for any inaccuracy. The transcript should include your GPA to date. You don't have to translate your transcript into English. Please scan and email us a copy of your transcript.

2. Resume

Your resume must be in English. You can freely choose its presentation. You should provide in your resume your education background, achievement, working experience and extracurricular activities. Your resume needs NOT to be verified by a local authority.

3. Essay

Please answer the following question:

“Party A (an investor) and Party B (a construction contractor) entered into a construction contract which is governed by Vietnamese law. This contract provides that if Party B delays in handing over the construction works at the time required by this contract, Party B shall make a payment of VND 50 million to Party A for each day of delay.

In your opinion, is the above-mentioned remedy for breach of contract (often known as liquidated damages) valid under Vietnamese law and why?”

Your answer must be in English and not exceed 750 words.

We prefer all documents in PDF format. Upon receipt we will confirm your complete application via email. All students will subsequently be notified of their application status and whether they are invited for interview.

Please note that GES programs in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City have different timelines and requirements. This instruction is only relevant to GES 2014 in Hanoi.

CONTACT

Announcement and updates will be available at facebook.com/gescholarship.

You can also send us your questions to gescholarship@gmail.com.



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