



Irish Aid - Vietnam
Vietnam Ireland Bilateral Education Exchange (VIBE)
CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES – MAY 2018

Vietnam Ireland Bilateral Education Exchange (VIBE) is an initiative of the Embassy of Ireland under the Irish Development Experience Sharing (IDEAS) Programme to facilitate education links between Ireland and Vietnam.

The Irish Development Experience Sharing Programme (IDEAS) was launched in 2009 to support capacity building activities by Vietnamese institutions in technical, governance, and policy development fields, by providing targeted technical and educational training together with frequent interaction between relevant Vietnamese institutions and their Irish counterparts.

To further develop the evolving education and research links between Ireland and Vietnam, Irish Aid, through the Embassy of Ireland in Hanoi, implemented the *Vietnam Ireland Bilateral Education Exchange (VIBE)* under the IDEAS programme on a pilot basis from 2015 to 2016. Given the success of the pilot programme, the Embassy of Ireland initiated a new phase in 2017.

For 2018, Irish Aid is calling for concept notes from Vietnamese Universities, Research Institutes and Vocational Colleges under the VIBE programme, to foster educational co-operation between Ireland and Vietnam. The 2018 call for proposals is focussed on a limited number of themes.

Objective

The overall objective of the VIBE programme is to contribute to Vietnam's socio-economic development priorities by encouraging mutually beneficial links between the two countries, with particular reference to strengthening capacity in third-level education and research.

The specific objective is to act as a catalyst to encourage and deepen third-level education and research links by supporting the initiation of a number of new linkages between Irish and Vietnamese education and research institutions.

Irish Aid is now inviting concept notes for projects focusing on the following themes:

- Information Technology and Data analytics
- Environment and climate change
- Science innovation

Applicants are requested to submit a concept note (not exceeding 04 pages in length excluding appendixes and in the prescribed format) to vuthiminh.thuy@dfanet.ie

The deadline for receipt of concept notes is **12.00 Friday 31 May 2018**

Once concept notes have been appraised, only short-listed applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

For background information and prescribed format please visit the Embassy's website www.embassyofireland.vn or Embassy's Facebook page www.facebook.com/irishembassyinvietnam