



EMBASSY OF IRELAND

IRISH GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2016 -2017

MBA AND BUSINESS RELATED MSC

OPEN TO ALL

DEADLINE: 18TH JANUARY 2016

Ireland is a destination for world class third level education in an English-speaking country renowned for its friendliness and safety. Irish Aid offers a number of scholarships to Vietnamese students every year.

The Embassy of Ireland is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the **2016-2017 Irish Aid IDEAS Scholarships programme** for postgraduate study in business, finance and other disciplines at the University College Dublin (UCD) Michael Smurfit Graduate Business School, Ireland.

UCD Michael Smurfit Business School is Ireland's leading business school and is one of less than sixty schools worldwide to be awarded all three major business school accreditations, AACSB (USA), EQUIS (Europe) and AMBA (UK). UCD Michael Smurfit Business School is ranked 73th in the world and 22th in Europe by the prestigious Financial Times ranking while the Full-time MBA is ranked 56th in the world's top 100 and 17th in Europe according to the Economist Intelligence Unit. UCD is the only Irish business school to gain a place in both of the aforementioned rankings.

The successful candidates of this Scholarship competition will be awarded an opportunity to study at one of the world's leading business schools and to live in one of Europe's most dynamic, friendly and beautiful countries.

Scholarship awards cover: return airfare, full tuition fees, public health insurance, a stipend to cover accommodation and subsistence costs, settling-in allowance, and book and clothing allowances (where appropriate). Scholarships are for individuals for full time study of 12 months duration for MBA or Master Programme.

We particularly encourage applications from public sector, ethnic minorities, people with disability and other marginalised groups in Vietnam.

IDEAS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE BUSINESS STUDIES

The Irish Aid Development Experience and Sharing (IDEAS) scholarship programme started in 2009 and covers postgraduate study in business administration and related subjects (finance, project management, marketing, etc.). Last year, we offered 25 full scholarships and these students are presently undertaking their chosen programme of study in Dublin.

In 2016, the following MBA and Masters courses will be delivered by the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business, in Dublin, Ireland. See <http://www.smurfitschool.ie> for full programme and curriculum details.

- Full-Time MBA
- MSc in Project Management
- MSc in Business Analytics
- MSc in Supply Chain Management
- MSc in Finance
- MSc in Energy and Environmental Finance
- MSc in Quantitative Finance
- MSc in Management Consultancy
- MSc in Digital Innovation
- MSc in Marketing
- MSc in Food Business Strategy
- MSc in Digital Marketing
- MSc in International Business
- MSc in Strategic Management and Planning
- MSc in Strategic Management Accounting

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is in two stages:

Step 1: Acceptance by UCD to one of the above mentioned programmes: submit on line application **and** participate in a Skype/telephone interview.

- a. Applications open from 2nd November 2015.
- b. **FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 18th 2016.**

Important points to note:



- Only **complete** applications will be accepted (i.e. all documents must be submitted together and incomplete applications will not be accepted)
- All applicants must have achieved the minimum score required for entry to UCD in a recognised English Language test – IELTS 6.5 overall with no lower than 6 in each band **before** the final application deadline of **January 18th 2016**.
- All English Language tests must be in date.
- All **MBA Applicants** must have taken the **GMAT exam** before the final round interviews in April 2016 and an IELTS of 7 overall with no lower than 6 in each band.
- No applications will be accepted after the final application deadline **of January 18th 2016**.
- **We strongly encourage applicants to apply early** as applications will be assessed in order of receipt.

Please visit UCD website for further details and to submit your on-line application:
<http://www.smurfitschool.ie/vietnam>.

16th February 2016: Following the review of applications and telephone interviews, applicants will be informed by e-mail whether or not they have been accepted onto a course at the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business. Candidates will also be advised if they have been selected to move forward to the next stage of the Scholarship competition.

Step 2: Application for an Irish Aid Scholarship.

Candidates accepted onto a course in UCD are eligible to apply for an Irish Aid scholarship. Please visit the Embassy website www.embassyofireland.vn. The deadline for receipt of completed Irish Aid Application is **11th March 2016**.

18th-22nd April 2016: Final round interviews will be held in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. Shortlisted candidates must be available to attend for interview in either Hanoi or Ho Chi Minh City during these dates.

Successful candidates will be notified by the Irish Embassy shortly after the final round interviews have been completed.

Information Event:

An Information Event will be held both in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City in November 2015 and candidates who have applied prior to November 2015 will be invited to attend.

Summary of Eligibility Criteria:



Vietnamese Citizen residing in Vietnam	
Years of experience:	For MSc courses: Minimum of 1 year post-graduation work experience. Applicants must have completed their studies prior to January 2015. For MBA course: Minimum 3 years post-graduation work experience in any field.
Academic qualification:	Official university degree minimum level “kha’ “. Minimum GPA score of 7.0/10 (or equivalent). GMAT : 580/800 for MBA applications (GMAT is not required from MSc applicants)
Class contribution:	Ability to demonstrate a contribution to group work and interactive class discussions
Language proficiency:	English : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- For MSc : IELTS: 6.5 overall (Academic) no lower than 6 in each band.- For MBA minimum IELTS 7.0. Overall with no lower than 6 in each band.
Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of their home country and return to home country at the end of course.- Be able to take up the fellowship in the academic year for which it is offered.- Provide a letter of reference.

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