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**Vietnam Ireland Bilateral Education Exchange (VIBE)
CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES
2020**

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. The Programme provides targeted technical and educational training together with close interaction between Vietnamese institutions and their Irish counterparts.

To further develop the evolving education and research links between Ireland and Vietnam, since 2015 the Embassy of Ireland in Hanoi has supported the *Vietnam Ireland Bilateral Education Exchange (VIBE)* under the IDEAS programme.

The Embassy of Ireland is now calling for concept notes from Vietnamese Universities, Research Institutes and Vocational Colleges for the VIBE Programme 2020 – 2021.

VIBE projects/partnerships that have received fund from the Embassy for 4 years are not eligible for extension under this call.

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.

Prioritised areas for the 2020 Call are:

- Agribusiness, Food Safety and Nutrition
- Environment and climate change/action

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 no later than **12:00 hrs local time on 15 April 2020**

Concept notes will be appraised and only short-listed applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

For background information and templates, please visit the Embassy's website <https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/vietnam> or Embassy's Facebook page www.facebook.com/irishembassyinvietnam