



EMBASSY OF IRELAND



## ***IRISH AID IDEAS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2012-2013***

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The Embassy of Ireland is pleased to announce the **2012 Irish Aid IDEAS Scholarships**: for postgraduate study in business, finance and other disciplines at the UCD Michael Smurfit Business School in Dublin, Ireland. UCD Michael Smurfit Business School Executive MBA programme is ranked 57th in the world and 19th in Europe by the Financial Times.

The application process is in two stages:

**Step 1:** Acceptance by UCD: on line application and telephone interview

Applications open from now until 6 February 2012. Please visit UCD website:  
<http://www.smurfitschool.ie/vietnam>.

**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](http://www.embassyofireland.vn) and our alumni portal [www.vietnamirelandalumni.org](http://www.vietnamirelandalumni.org). The deadline for receipt of completed Irish Aid Application is 15 March 2012.

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Scholarship awards cover: return airfare, course 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 master programmes.

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 cover postgraduate study in business administration and related subjects (finance, project management, marketing, etc). On average we receive 250 applications for 12 scholarships.

In 2012, the following MBA and Masters courses will be delivered by the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business, in Dublin, one of the Top 100 business schools in the world. See <http://www.smurfitschool.ie> for full course details.

- Full-Time MBA
- MSc in Business Analytics
- MSc in Quantitative Finance
- MSc in Finance
- MSc iBusiness - Innovation through ICT
- MSc in International Business
- MSc in Management & Organisation Studies
- MSc in Management Consultancy
- MSc in Marketing
- MSc in Project Management
- MSc in Strategic Management & Planning
- MSc in Supply Chain Management

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#### Step 1: Acceptance by UCD: on line application and telephone interview

6<sup>th</sup> February 2012: Deadline for applications to the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business. Please use the following link <http://www.smurfitschool.ie/vietnam> to apply for the programme. Applications open from December 2011.

24<sup>th</sup> February 2012: Following review of applications and telephone interviews, applicants will be informed whether they have been accepted onto a course at the UCD Michael Smurfit School of Business

#### Step 2: Application for an Irish Aid Scholarship

15<sup>th</sup> March 2012: Closing date for application for an Irish Aid scholarship (separate application form will be made available).

10<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup> April 2012: Final round interviews will be held in Ho Chi Minh city and Hanoi



### Summary of Eligibility Criteria:

<b>Vietnamese Citizen residing in Vietnam</b>	
Years of experience:	For MSc courses: Minimum of 1 years prior work experience. For MBA course: At least 3 years of relevant full time work experience.
Academic qualification:	Official university degree minimum level 'kha' for MSc and "gioi" for MBA
Class contribution:	Ability to demonstrate a contribution to group work and interactive class discussions
Language proficiency:	English <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- For MSc courses: IELTS: 6.5 (Academic) or TOEFL: 570 (still valid upon the application's submission). Institutional TOEFL will not be accepted.</li><li>- For MBA course: IELTS: 7.0; GMAT : 550</li></ul>
Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Be able to demonstrate a strong commitment to the development of their home country.</li><li>- Be able to take up the fellowship in the academic year for which it is offered.</li><li>- Provide a letter of reference.</li></ul>