

Nguyễn-Phương Family Scholarship

March 2022

The spirit of the scholarship is to help form generations of Vietnamese leaders/changemakers (in all fields of society) for a more humane, kinder world – a world built on solidarity instead of competition; a world focusing on broad human development and social sustainability instead of just economic and material development; a world based on the principle that the meaning of human life is in the being, and not in the having.

VISION

To build an ecosystem that supports budding Changemakers in Vietnam.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The NP Family Scholarship will award one (01) scholarship covering full annual tuition fee in maximum four (04) years to one (01) incoming student (Class of 2026) who exemplifies the change-maker spirit.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Application Rounds:**
 - Any students applying to Fulbright Class Of 2026 during the Priority Cycle are eligible to apply.
 - ** Updated March 2022: The donor considers giving one (01) more scholarship for Spring cycle. Thus, Spring applicants are eligible to apply to NP Family Scholarship.*
 - Scholarship application deadline is 2:00pm May 15, 2022.
- **Shortlists/Interviews:**
 - Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview with the Selection Committee (comprising representatives from NP Family, Fulbright Admissions Office and VietSeeds Foundation).
- **Decision:**
 - Notification of scholarship for Spring Cycle will be in July, on the same day as Fulbright Spring Cycle Admissions Results are released.

SELECTION CRITERIA

NP Family Scholarship recipient must have the following Changemaker Characteristics:

- Other-centeredness: Proven personal traits of compassion and empathy.
- Curiosity and Creativity: curious about the world; keep asking questions and looking for creative ways to find solutions.
- Courage and Resilience: willing to challenge the status quo, ready to take risks and extremely persistent to overcome major obstacles without fear of failure.
- Adaptability and Open-mindedness: embrace change; open to suggestions and feedback on their own ideas.
- Leadership skills: be able to build and manage a team to realize change-making ideas, as well as be able to inspire, motivate and guide audiences for support in making changes happen; eager to help peers and everyone in the community in order to build a changemaker ecosystem.

MID-YEAR CATCH UP WITH NP FAMILY

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to maintain informal contacts (via emails or calls) with the NP Family during the year, in order to cultivate a relationship and identify ways we can nurture their growth. In addition, there will be a mid-year video call (with the optional support of slides or a written document), where scholarship recipients will update the NP Family about the past semester. The update will cover the following:

- Sharing recipient's experiences from Fulbright University and VietSeeds programs - highlighting things they learnt or areas for improvement
- Sharing about their biggest challenges in the last semester
- Sharing their needs or things they want to accomplish in the next semester

RENEWAL CRITERIA

To maintain the scholarship, recipients must satisfy the following conditions:

- Must be enrolled full time and in-person; online participation is allowed only if the whole University is closed (eg. for health safety reasons)
- Academic achievements: maintain a required minimum 3.0 GPA
- Participation in at least 50% of training sessions with VietSeeds scholars (tentative schedule: one training every 2 months).
- **Fulbright Changemakers Community ("FCC"):** Actively engage in a community within Fulbright that is designed to empower students to see themselves as Changemakers. The scholarship recipient is expected during their journey at Fulbright to champion the community with their peers as well as Fulbright faculty. The community could engage scholarship applicants who were interviewed but not selected, as well as broader Fulbright student body. Some examples of the potential FCC's activities that scholarship recipients could contribute to:
 - Speaker series - Changemakers or Experts sharing experiences with students (in-person or online)
 - Acumen Academy workshops
 - Case study projects - working with a non-profit or social enterprise on a challenge
 - SDG showcase or Human Centred Design workshops
 - Challenges or Hackathon type events
 - Fulbright University focused projects
 - Community focused projects
- Recipient(s) must submit a final report to the Selection Committee. This report can be in written or video form, and should describe:
 - Progress on Recipient's own Changemaker project(s). This should address the following subjects: (a) impact on the community and highlighting areas of improvement; and (b) future vision, with detailed plan for next year; future project can be a continuation of the previous year or a new one.
 - Recipient's reflections on personal growth over the last year at Fulbright (encompassing all aspects: personal, academic, VietSeeds, Changemaker project and FCC, etc), lessons learned and areas they hope to develop in the future.

The renewal decision will be based on the subjective decision of the Selection Committee on the quality and quantum of the achievements made by the recipient during the year.

APPENDIX & REFERENCES

POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES FOR FCC

Building a better Vietnam Challenge

Using a hackathon and human centered design approach to develop ideas that meet an SDG within the community. This will help Fulbright students to find their tribe, collaborate with others (inside or outside Fulbright) and develop solutions to meet a challenge.

Creating a Fulbright chapter for existing organization

Setting up a group or community of an existing youth driven organization. These students do not have to set up an official club or organization, but work together to run events or programs affiliated to existing organizations.

PARTNERS TO SUPPORT CLUB/ COMMUNITY

- Fulbright University (<https://fulbright.edu.vn/>)
 - Student Life and Student Council
 - Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CEI)
 - CIDO (Community improvement and development organization)
- VietSeeds Foundation (<https://www.vietseeds.org/en/>)
- LIN Center (<https://linvn.org/>)
- Viet Youth Activities - VietYA (<https://www.facebook.com/vietya.org/>)
- Vietnam Causes (<http://www.philoinhuan.org/>)
- Global Shapers - Ho Chi Minh City Hub (<https://www.globalshapers.org/hubs/ho-chi-minh-city-hub>)
- Acumen (<https://acumen.org/>)
- ChangemakerXChange (<https://changemakerxchange.org/>)

UNIVERSITY CASE-STUDIES TO CONSIDER

Brown University - Social Innovation Fellowship

<https://www.brown.edu/academics/college/swearer/programs/social-innovation-fellowship/11>

The Social Innovation Fellowship provides meaningful community engagement and social innovation experiences for undergraduate students at Brown. Focusing on local partnerships and social impacts through the lens of innovation, this two-year developmental program offers students the opportunity to explore modes of social innovation and the tools required for starting successful ventures or for making transformational changes within existing organizations.

Watson Institute at Lynn University

<https://watson.is/>

Watson Institute at Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL, brings together a cohort of innovators, leaders, and entrepreneurs from across the globe to build careers that align with their values and contribute to solving the toughest challenges facing the world. Through interactive courses, intensive mentorship, and a powerful, diverse community of peers, students and alumni launch lives of impact.

Center for Transformative Action (CTA) by Cornell University

<http://www.centerfortransformativeaction.org/>

The CTA helps create communities that are socially just, ecologically sound and that work for everyone. We do this through our educational programs and by supporting system-changing projects with incubator and fiscal sponsorship services.

CQUniversity

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/industry-and-partnerships/engagement/social-innovation>

CQUniversity wants to change the world for the better – and through social innovation, our students, staff, academics, and communities are all driving the transformation. CQUniversity does not expect every student to become a social entrepreneur, instead our goal is to equip them with skills and knowledge, so that they can realise their potential when it comes to creating change – no matter how big or small this may be.

Georgian Centre for Changemaking and Social Innovation

<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/community-alumni/changemaking-social-innovation/>

At the Centre for Changemaking and Social Innovation (CCSI), our goal is to support individuals and organizations build flourishing communities and economies.

Hanyang University Social Innovation Center

http://project3.yapoey.com/index_en.html

SIC builds a forum for youth social innovators in the Asia Pacific region. SIC brings the Local community-Industry network together for collective impact, which helps us develop a social innovation ecosystem of public, private and social sector.