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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO USTH DOCTORAL PROGRAM
For the year 2020 – Second wave

University of Science and Technology of Hanoi (USTH) - Vietnam France University is an advanced-model international public university established under Decision No. 2067/QĐ-TTg dated December 9th, 2009 of the Prime Minister based on the Intergovernmental Agreement between Vietnam and France signed on November 12th, 2009.

USTH follows the European Bologna Process with **LMD** system: Bachelor (3 years, 180 ECTS), Master (2 years, 120 ECTS), PhD (3 years). The doctoral program at USTH was built with the philosophy that the scientist is the essential part of the society. The PhD student will be able to do the research and create new values serving for the development of the society and the scientific community.

The doctoral program was developed by Vietnamese and French scientists based on the demand of society and prioritized research fields at USTH, which allows PhD students to study in an international environment and to prepare for their future careers. Upon graduation, the PhD students are awarded the doctoral degree which is recognized by international institutions.

All information about the USTH Doctoral School (USTH-DoS) is published at: <https://www.usth.edu.vn/en/programusth/phd/>.

1. Research fields

- Pharmacological, Medical and Agronomical Biotechnology
- Advanced Material Science and Nanotechnology
- Water - Environment – Oceanography
- Information Technology and Communication
- Energy
- Space and Applications

2. Training duration

The PhD training program is conducted in the form of formal education which is 3 years for students with Master degrees and 4 years for students with Bachelor degrees.



3. Requirements for applications

- Applicant must hold a Master degree in the field of application or a field relevant to the field of application; or applicant holds a Bachelor degree with very good grade in the field of application or a field relevant to the field of application.

- Applicant is the author of an article or report related to the field of application which has been published in scientific journals, conference proceedings or peer-reviewed scientific conferences within 3 years (36 months) up to the date of application.

- Applicant demonstrates a level of English being sufficient to develop research project activities and integrate within research group/laboratory according to the regulations of Ministry of Education and Training.

- Applicants must submit a research proposal which is approved by their expected supervisors.

4. Requirements of supervisors

- Each applicant can propose maximum 2 supervisors:

+ One supervisor must be USTH faculty or French visiting scientist working in USTH laboratories or USTH-associated laboratories in Vietnam

+ The other supervisor could be a scientist who works for a Vietnamese or international university or a research institute.

- Requirements of proposed supervisors: The proposed supervisors must have PhD degrees and at least 3 years working experience after PhD graduation. They are currently directors of scientific research projects, principal authors of at least 1 publication in an ISI or Scopus journals, or at least one ISBN book chapter published by international publishers; or at least 2 articles published in a peer-reviewed international conference proceedings, or 2 publications in a peer-reviewed scientific journals in a field related to the thesis topic of PhD applicant.

5. Scholarship and fellowship

USTH offers various scholarships to PhD students who are enrolled at the university. Scholarships include:

- **Scholarship for Excellent Students** for PhD students with outstanding academic achievements: DS-A1: 15,000,000 VND; DS-A2: 10,000,000 VND; DS-A3: 5,000,000 VND.

- **Pathway to Success Scholarship** for PhD students who graduated from USTH's Bachelor/Master programs and further their study in USTH's Doctoral programs: 5,000,000 VND.

- **Capacity Building Scholarship** for PhD students who are employees of USTH, VAST's institutes and centers, and USTH's partner institutions: CS1: 20,000,000 VND (for USTH employees); CS2: 10,000,000 VND.



USTH's Scholarship and Financial Aid Council decides the list of scholarship recipients pursuant to Regulations on awarding scholarship and financial aids for USTH students.

All information about the scholarships is available on the website of USTH at: <https://www.usth.edu.vn/en/student-affairs/Scholarships-Financial-Support/>

6. Application dossier

Applicants have to submit an application dossier including the following documents:

1. Application form (see template).
2. Valid copies of degrees, certificates, transcripts of Bachelor and Master levels. In case these papers are issued by a foreign university, the applicants should include the provisions to evaluate the study result of that university.*
3. Valid English certificates.
4. Motivation letter of the candidate.
5. Updated and detailed resume (CV) including awards and prizes (if any).
6. Certificate of employment (see template).
7. CV and consent letters of proposed supervisors (see template).
8. Recommendation letters from 2 scientists having worked at least 6 months with the candidate (see template).
9. Research proposal in English (maximum 10 pages) (see template).
10. List and copies of publications in the research field (if any).
11. Research proposal (maximum 10 A4 pages) (see template).

Application form and templates can be downloaded at: <https://www.usth.edu.vn/en/admission/phd/>

**Applicants having completed their Master programs but not yet received their diploma or official academic transcripts can submit a provisional letter of graduation confirmation or academic transcript (valid copies and translations in English). Successful candidates will be required to submit all those documents to be officially accepted.*

7. Admission plan for the year 2020 - Second wave

Application dossier submission	From July 13th, 2020 to August 31st, 2020
Application dossier preselection	September 2020
Admission interview jury	September 2020
Admission results and enrollment	October 2020



8. Admission fee and tuition fee

- Admission fee (non-refundable in all cases): 500,000 VND/candidate.
- The tuition fee will be paid by semester according to USTH regulation.

9. Application dossier submission

The applicant submits the application dossier at the following address:

Department of Academic Affairs
University of Science and Technology (USTH)
Room 102, A21 Building
Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology (VAST)
18 Hoang Quoc Viet, Cau Giay, Hanoi
Tel: +84 24 3791 7748

All the documents of the application dossier must be put in a suitable bag/envelop. The following information should be clearly written on the cover of the bag/envelop:

1. Full name of applicant
2. Home/mobile phone numbers, and Email address
3. Research field

In addition to sending the original dossier to the address above, applicants need to scan the above dossier into PDF files only and not exceeding 6 MB (zip acceptable), and send via email to both of the following addresses: pham-thi-minh.hien@usth.edu.vn (*Ms. PHAM Thi Minh Hien*) and daa@usth.edu.vn with the email title: Admission.PhD-Research field-Full name. Applicants can contact Department of Academic Affairs at the phone number **+84 24 3791 7748** to be assisted in the preparation and submission of the application dossier.

Recipients:

- VAST (to report);
- Rector (to report);
- Universities, institutes, colleges;
- Research institutes, laboratories;
- Website: www.usth.edu.vn ;
- Archive: VT, QLĐT.



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