







## Foseword

We are VinUnians We aspire to be global leaders with our
hearts in the community!

Dear VinUniversity supporters,

We are VinUni students. For us, VinUni is more than just an institution; it's our steadfast ally on the journey towards our dreams. Its presence infuses our lives with purpose and resilience, guiding us through obstacles with unwavering support. Thanks to generous scholarship funding provided by VinUni, we are fortunate to have a good start in the first place to strive towards becoming future leaders, innovators, and caregivers in Vietnam.

We are committed to upholding these privileges to empower the dreams of the upcoming generations, just as we have been supported. In this transformative journey at VinUni, we need your support to bring the youngest and wildest dreams to life. Your support propels us forward, forging lasting impacts that resonate not only within ourselves but across Vietnam and the global stage. Together we build a future filled with boundless possibilities.

Join us in making dreams come true.

Sincerely, VinUni students





Founded in 2020 as a non-profit private university, VinUni has consistently strived to establish itself as a university of excellence with a mission to develop talents for the future. We are honored to be a part of this transformative journey to witness and grow together with VinUni.

2020

Officially founded as a leading private and not-for-profit university



Offered industry engagement program to bridge the gap between academia and industry



Launched VinUni Global Case Competition (VGCC) for students to work on real-life problems



Opened Vietnam's first Research Center for Biomedical 3D Printing for research and practical applications



Announced the Incubator Program to support students' tech startup projects



Opened VinUni-Illinois Smart Health Center (VISHC) on interdisciplinary research in biotechnology and data science



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Opened Vietnam's first Advanced Imaging Education Center (AIEC) to overcome the limitations of traditional methods

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## Message From Provost

At VinUniversity, we believe that every young person deserves the chance to pursue their dreams.

We help our students pursue their dreams by providing the highest quality education, focusing on personalized, active learning that empowers students with a level of individualized attention not seen at other world-class universities. Imagine being paired with a world-renowned professor, who offers guidance and support just for you. In a developing country like Vietnam, VinUni has made it possible for students to access high-quality education that was once out of reach. Our students come from diverse backgrounds, from the distant mountains and highlands of Vietnam to faraway countries such as Nigeria and Ukraine, each with their own story and aspirations. Despite varied circumstances, they share a common desire to make a difference, fueled by their thirst for knowledge and positive change. Our generous scholarship support is creating life-changing opportunities for our students, who otherwise would never dream, let alone dare to change the world.

We invite you to join us on this journey to transform lives. Together, we can make a lasting impact on each of our students and our collective future. This will be the most important difference I will ever make. This is the biggest difference most of us will ever make.

Thank you,

David Bangsberg Provost. VinUniversity

### Scholarship S

### A community of talents

9.1/10

out of 10 (Top 5% in Vietnam\*) (equivalent to A-grade in US)

\* Research Center for Vocational Technical Ministry of Education, 2024

average IELTS Academic scores (equivalent to C1 advanced level)

46:54

26

international students from























### Sustained financial support .....

100%

of students received Vingroup subsidies, merit-based scholarships and financial aids 353

scholarships awarded (as of 2023)

275B+ (VND)

value of total awarded scholarships (as of 2023)

**14%** 1

32%

Allocation of

Scholarship

by College

24%

30%

of students received at least 90% scholarships







Many students have been accepted into Ivy League institutions (Pham Anh Quan - Pennsylvania, Nguyen Do Thu Phuong - Harvard, Giap Vu Nam Duong - Cornell)

### An all-round student development.....

30

student-led Start-ups have been incubated, 03 startups spin-off from Global Incubator 2023

100%

students Year 3 participated in summer internships

58

signed MOUs/MOAs/LOIs/AAs including Ernst & Young, KPMG, Vietnam Airlines, Vinpearl etc.

partner universities offering exchange programs to VinUniversity's students including Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania, Nanyang Technological University, University of Queensland, Monash University,...) (as of 2024)

43%

are ranked in the top 50 worldwide\* (2024) 71%

are ranked in the top 100 worldwide\* (2024) 150+

students participated in exchange programs at VinUni's partner universities (As of 2024)



## A dream comes true from Bao Loc highlands to Harvard

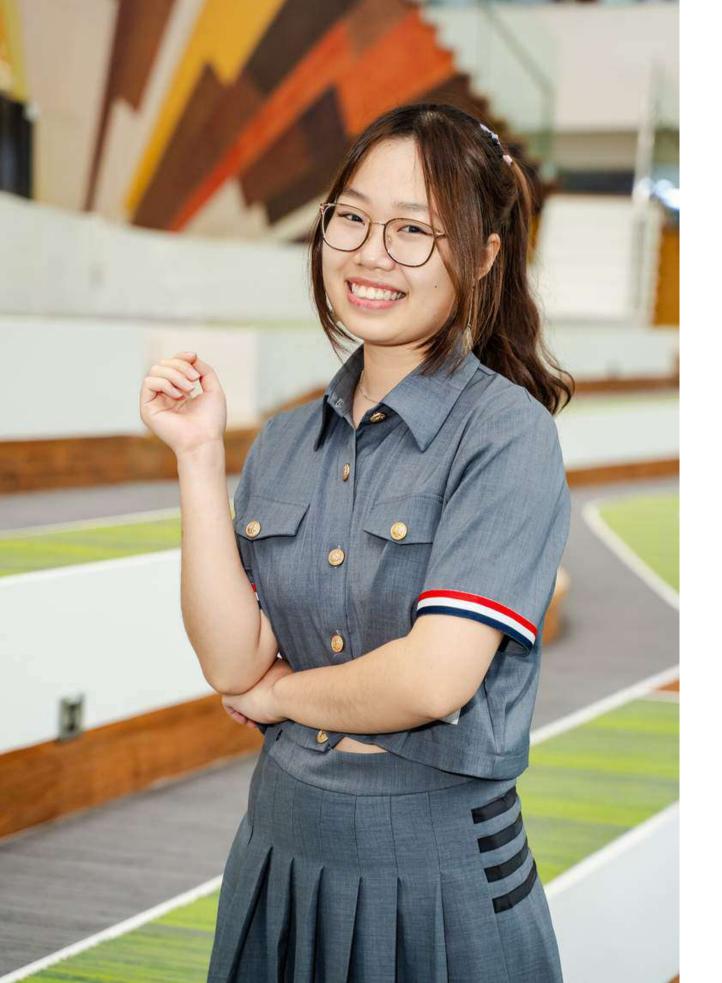
Born into modest means in Bao Loc highlands, Thu Phuong's parents — a hardworking carpenter and a dedicated secondary school teacher — struggled to provide a solid economic foundation for their family. University was a distant dream. Undeterred by an initial rejection from VinUniversity's College of Business and Management, Thu Phuong's determination still sparkled. Seven months later, she traveled from Ho Chi Minh City to Hanoi and presented herself to the admission department asking for reconsideration. She brought a heartfelt painting and an essay depicting a girl climbing a tree to reach for the brightest firefly in the night's sky. Moved by her vision of reaching for the brightest and highest, the College of Health Sciences awarded her a 100% scholarship in Nursing.

Thanks to the scholarship at VinUniversity, Thu Phuong discovered not only academic excellence but also a community that embraced empathy and understanding. The Nursing courses taught her the importance of communication and compassion in working with trauma patients. Because Thu Phuong wanted to make a global difference, she applied and was accepted into the Global Health Delivery Master program of Harvard Medical School. Her mission is to extend care to the less fortunate patients, utilizing digital health and telemedicine to bridge gaps in the world's remotest corners. As she sets her sights on Harvard, Thu Phuong's story resonates as a testament to the transformative power of resilience, empathy, and reaching for the brightest firefly in the night sky.

#### **NGUYEN DO THU PHUONG**

College of Health Sciences - 100% Scholarship & Stipend





# Journey from rice farms to healthcare startup founders

Van Anh comes from 7 generations of rice farmers in northern Vietnam. Rising at 4 am, she labored in the rice fields to support her family. Recognized for her academic abilities, she transitioned from a local village primary school to the province's gifted high school. She was not very popular and had some challenges making friends.

Van Anh's journey to VinUni was a resilient odyssey. Discovering the university through a YouTube video, she was captivated by the international environment. Despite an initial rejection, her determination fueled a second application, leading to a life-changing interview. In VinUni, after endeavors from an initial low GPA, she strived to achieve President's List and Dean's List. As a passionate music enthusiast, Van Anh also founded VinUni Harmony, a vibrant music club on campus. The club soon became one of the three most successful clubs in the school.

Her VinUni scholarship made her dreams and ambitions come true. With eyes set on an MBA at Cornell University, she envisions a future in healthcare management and education. Inspired by her internship at Vinmec, she launched a start-up business that provides online medical education to Vietnamese-speaking medical students. She is growing enrollment by 50 people per month and should reach profitability in a few months. Van Anh's long-term goal is as heartfelt as her journey, which is to pay forward the support and confidence she gained from VinUni's professors. Through a career in healthcare education and management, she aims to empower others, echoing the life-changing impact that has shaped her extraordinary story.

### **NGUYEN THI VAN ANH**

## A journey to transform 'the whole person'

In the coastal embrace of Phan Thiet, Central Vietnam, Thuy Dung grew up with her parents, both of whom are devoted educators; therefore, the value of learning was ingrained in her. Dreaming of becoming a doctor since the age of six, Thuy Dung's journey began with a toy medical kit. Her interest in medicine became more serious when tales of the sudden deaths of Vietnam's kings captured her imagination. In 7th grade, her interest in pathophysiology was ignited by learning that the death of a former king was caused by subarachnoid hemorrhage.

Drawn to language, social sciences, and humanities, she found her haven at VinUni, where Dung is not just a student but a "whole person" valued for her diverse interests. Thuy Dung appreciates the talented community of entrepreneurs, researchers, and individuals with unique skills that fuel her inspiration daily. Thuy Dung aspires to pursue a master's degree in Public Health, where she can "think beyond disease" to encompass broader understanding of social and environmental systems. Her ambitions extend beyond borders, yet Thuy Dung remains steadfast in her identity as a "citizen of Vietnam.", aiming to elevate the well-being of Vietnamese.

"Some people think I am crazy in my dedication to studies", she reflects, "but with my scholarship, I have the freedom and obligation not to limit myself." As teachers, her parents struggle financially. However, VinUni's scholarship not only liberates her from financial concerns but propels her towards international aspirations. Inspired by encounters with top international scientists, she dreams bigger and dares to exceed limitations.

### **NGUYEN THI THUY DUNG**

College of Health Sciences - 100% Scholarship & Stipend





## A story of future caregiver born in a family of 30 siblings

Khadijah is a young aspiring nurse from Janingo, Nigeria. After her father's death due to diabetes, her eldest brother, Ibrahim, became the guardian for Khadijah and her vast family of 30 siblings. Her determination to pursue nursing led to a crucial conversation with Ibrahim, facilitated by a promise to ensure her safety and growth at VinUni, halfway across the world. This conversation eased Ibrahim's concerns, granting Khadijah the blessing to advance her education abroad.

At merely 16, Khadijah's academic excellence and passion for science had already set her apart. She attended a school that taught in both Arabic and English and skipped grades 9 and 10 to graduate with honors at 16. Her journey to VinUni was not just a personal quest but a mission to gain the medical knowledge her family desperately needed. Through regular meetings and an unwavering support system, she not only adjusted but thrived, excelling in her studies and immersing herself in extracurricular activities. When asking Khadijah about this, she said that this type of wisdom to help preparing for her career is not available in Nigeria; therefore she does not want to miss out any chances.

Khadijah's pursuit at VinUni is driven by a deep appreciation for international education, offering her a broader perspective and a higher level of responsibility than traditionally available in Nigeria. As she navigates through her interests in surgical and ob/gyn nursing, Khadijah remains focused on her goal to excel and eventually care for patients, embodying the hopes and aspirations that VinUni stands for. Her message to VinUni donors is that she is determined to make them proud by applying herself to her studies and her career as a way to demonstrate that she wholeheartedly values their help.

KHADIJAH ADAMU SUNKANI

College of Health Sciences - 85% Scholarship

## Journey to empower both the intellect and the soul

Huy's story unfolds with humble beginnings. He was raised by a security guard father and a seamstress mother. Inspired by his English teacher's kindness, Huy was drawn to the transformative power of education. He chose VinUni for its commitment to nurturing not only the intellect but also the soul of each individual. At VinUni, aspirations and virtues are cultivated along with academic knowledge. VinUni empowers students to develop aspirations and become better individuals. In other words, VinUni educates the whole person.

Within VinUni's vibrant community, Huy cherished collaborative learning with peers and engaging in work-study projects, including exploring rural Vietnamese culture with Vice Provost David Harrison. The opportunity to learn from eminent scientists visiting the VinFuture Prize further enriched his experience, blending theoretical knowledge with practical insights. Huy's educational journey, supported by scholarships, opened doors to a future that once seemed unreachable. As he prepares to graduate, he looks forward to a career in business data analytics, driven by his passion for numbers. Grateful for the generosity of donors, Huy acknowledges the profound impact of his VinUni experience on his personal growth, equipping him to embark on a journey of contribution and success.

**NGUYEN XUAN HUY** 





# Overcoming a communication disorder to become a future business leader

Huy faced an arduous journey in public school due to a severe communication disorder. He was harshly teased by his friends, casting shadows over his joy. High school was a turning point. Huy found comfort and confidence in the embrace of "lovely and supportive friends". Huy saw VinUni's student-centric education delivered at the highest international standard as the perfect place to shape his dreams. At VinUni, discussions and debates with peers are a source of joy.

Huy's dreams stretch far beyond the classrooms of VinUni. He aims to apply for the Management Trainee Program in multinational companies with the goal of securing a position at Unilever. Armed with confidence and skills, he aspires to launch his own startup after honing his expertise in corporates. Given the VinUni scholarship to overcome financial barriers, Huy could go beyond his studies. Each day at VinUni is a source of satisfaction and an experience beyond his wildest imagination. For Huy, it is not just an education, but it is a journey of self-discovery and empowerment that defies the limits once imposed by the prejudices of other people.

DO TRUONG HUY

## An odyssey journey from Calabar to Vietnam's tech startup

Born in Calabar, Nigeria, on the symbolic day of Nigerian Independence, Kevin's life has been a journey of discovery and ambition. His parents instilled in him a sense of adventure and a drive to make a difference. At 15, Kevin started his own non-profit organization that empowered thousands of at-risk youth across Africa. He received an award from the Princess Diana Foundation to recognize his impact.

Kevin was attracted to the international ethos of VinUni. He started a Go Fund Me site to raise money for tuition before asking his parents for permission to apply. His uncle, who had previously lived in England, helped his parents understand the value of living and studying abroad. He joined the College of Business and Management because he wanted to be an impact-driven entrepreneur. His experiences at VinUni, including an internship with a Singaporean ed-tech startup called Outsider and engaging with global thought leaders, have profoundly shaped his entrepreneurial and leadership aspirations. His goal after graduation is to work on promotion, branding, and sales for technology start-ups.

Kevin's journey from Nigeria to VinUni is underpinned by a scholarship that he describes as life-changing. It has given him an "opportunity to explore and discover myself - to find my passion and my fire". He has noticed that people "adjust their seats" when he tells them he is studying at VinUniversity. "They recognize me and see my potential". Grateful for the doors that have opened for him, Kevin is determined to pay it forward, ensuring that future students have the same transformative opportunities at VinUni.

**KEVIN ADAH GODWIN** 





## From 'little mathematician' to future Al innovator

Nam's journey began in Vung Tau, Southern Vietnam, where his fascination with mathematics bloomed at just five years old. By grade 5, he achieved an inaugural bronze medal in the V-Olympic math competition. At seven, he started teaching math to peers and younger students, gradually becoming a tutor. His talent for mathematics flourished with a second prize in the Vietnamese Math Olympics. He was also recognized as Vietnam's top 50 math prodigies.

Venturing to VinUni for an international experience within Vietnam, Nam later broadened his horizons at Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain, thanks to VinUni's grant for a semester abroad. For Nam, the essence of VinUni lies in its people, fostering learning and companionship. Grateful for scholarships granting him financial autonomy and the opportunity to immerse himself fully in Mathematics and English, Nam envisions pursuing a master's degree and PhD in applied Mathematics. He plans to focus on artificial intelligence or data science. Inspired by professors who integrated learning with joy, he cherishes the collaborative ethos at VinUni, nurturing aspirations to become a future innovator.

### **LE DINH NAM**

College of Engineering and Computer Science - 100% Scholarship & Stipend

## Fueling hopes from Lagos to Vietnam

In the bustling heart of Lagos, Nigeria, Susan's story begins in a family tradition deeply rooted in nursing. Inspired by her aunt and three cousins who went to the US for nursing careers, Susan embarked on her academic journey with determination. However, when a national strike paralyzed colleges across Nigeria in her first year, she refused to delay her dreams. Hearing of VinUni's international acclaim through Patience, a fellow Nigerian and nursing student at VinUni, Susan was drawn to the opportunities that go beyond her homelands.

Thanks to her US-based aunt's encouragement, Susan overcame her parents' hesitations about the distance to Vietnam and their unfamiliarity with the country. Her goal is unwavering: to excel as a surgical nurse at Johns Hopkins Hospital, motivated by the discipline of surgical nursing and her affinity for scrubs. Her scholarship has been crucial, allowing her to pursue her studies internationally, which is a dream her family's financial situation would not have permitted otherwise.

Susan's journey from Lagos to VinUni is not just a personal triumph. It's a sign of hope, fueled by gratitude towards the donors who believed in her potential. Their generosity not only supports Susan's dream but also inspires others that their aspirations can become reality too. She extends her heartfelt gratitude to the donors for fostering hope in her and fellow students, empowering them to chase and achieve their dreams.

**CHINENYE SUSAN ELEWEBELEM** 

College of Health Sciences - 70% Scholarship





## Fishing village - the beginning of big dreams

Quoc Bao grew up in the heart of a fishing village nestled along the shores of northern Vietnam. His father, a weather-beaten fisherman, and his mother, a skilled tailor, instilled in him the values of diligence and determination. Encouraged by a dedicated teacher, Bao pursued physics competitions successively. With each triumph, his dreams soared higher. His path led him to VinUniversity, where Bao found more than just education. He found a community that nurtured his ambitions, cared about each student's development, and especially brought together peers who have a mutual passion for math and physics.

Balancing a demanding workload, Bao dedicates 20-40 hours per week to a graphic Al project with VinAl while pursuing a full-time course load. Grateful for the opportunity to engage in world-class research, he recognizes that this would not be feasible without his scholarship support.

In the future, Bao envisions pursuing a master's degree in Engineering in the United States, followed by employment at an Al company to refine his skills. Ultimately, he aspires to establish his own venture focusing on Al hardware interfaces.

Driven by gratitude, Bao aims to honor the generosity of VinUni's sponsors by achieving success and giving back to the scholarship fund. He also hopes to contribute to the economic advancement of Vietnam, thereby paying forward the opportunities he's been afforded.

**TRAN QUOC BAO** 

College of Engineering and Computer Science 100% Scholarship

## A heart dedicated to physics from Quang Binh village

Long grew up in a fishing village in Quang Binh. The loss of his father, a fisherman, during his grade school years and his mother's unemployment, could have defined his future. Yet, Long's journey took a different path. Initially viewing himself as just another student in a modest school, everything changed in the 8th grade when he won 3rd place in a district physics competition. This spark of success ignited a flame, leading him to provincial glory and a national second prize in physics, along with a feature in "Physics in Youth Magazine." His academic talents propelled him into a prestigious high school for the gifted.

College was an alien concept in Long's family narrative until VinUniversity where he was introduced to a world of big dreams beyond his village's horizon. The promise of international education at the highest level, with doors open to experiences at University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University, now fuels his aspiration. Long is not just a student of applied physics and electrical engineering; he is a mentor, tutoring younger students and sharing his passion for physics and English. He dreams of furthering his education in graduate school to delve into research, invention, and discovery. Deeply grateful for his scholarship, Long appreciates the freedom VinUni provides to explore elite education, surrounded by exceptional individuals and cutting-edge technology, and to dream of a future where he can contribute significantly to the world of science and innovation.

### PHAM VAN LONG

College of Engineering and Computer Science 100% Scholarship





## A communicator across culture barriers

Ha grew up in a family of three children in Hanoi. Her father is an engineer and her mother works in communications at the US embassy. Her parents were dedicated to providing the best education possible for their children. Studying at VinUniversity was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for her thanks to its startup culture and global outlook. She values the freedom there to shape her own experience and connect with faculty on a personal level. VinUniversity's inclusive environment and attentive professors resonate with her because they foster not just academic growth but also emotional support.

As a student in communication major, Ha looks for bridges across disciplines to explore diverse perspectives and cultures. Her long-term aspiration is to promote healthy lifestyles through communication. As the owner of a small business named Howdy Homemade Greek Yogurt and Granola, she plans to pursue a Master's degree after graduation and gain experience in a media firm. Her goal is to change people's behaviors globally and establish an international business focused on wellness.

**TRAN NGOC HA** 

College of Arts and Sciences - 100% Scholarship & Stipend

## **Empowering the future of pediatric nursing**

In the town of Cape Coast, Hannah's story began in a household of seven, where her father served as a security guard and her mother sustained the family by selling food in the local market. The turning point in Hannah's life came with the loss of her father, nurturing in her a profound sense of duty to support her family. Initially pursuing education, her path took a tragic turn when her beloved grandmother died of diabetes. This personal loss ignited a desire within Hannah to make a difference, prompting her to switch her career to nursing.

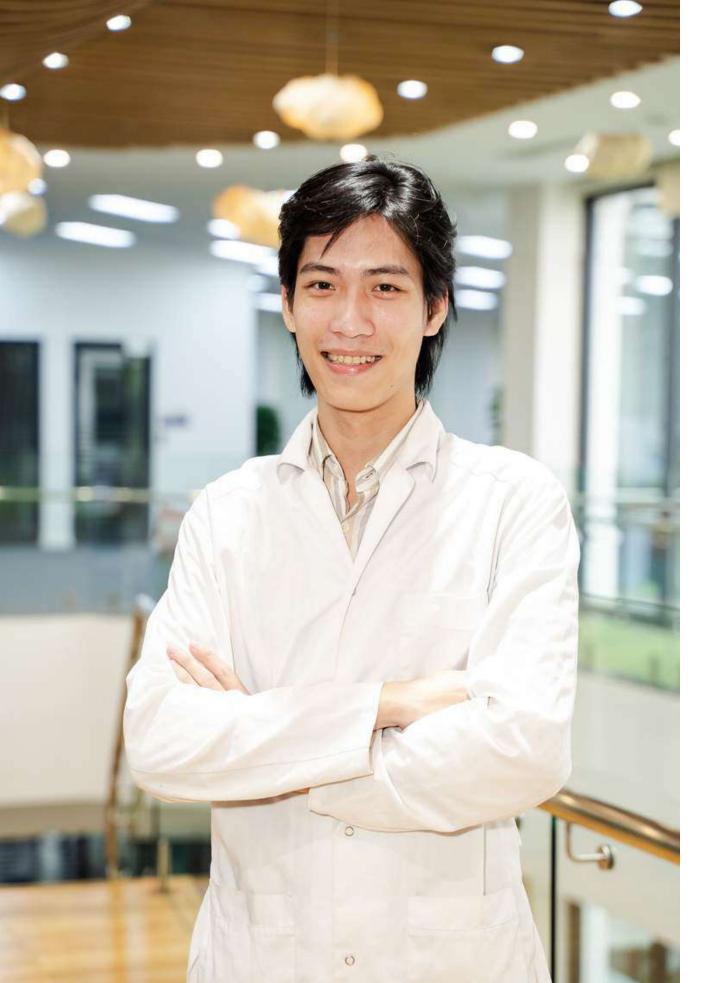
The opportunity for change appeared when her husband secured a teaching position in Vietnam, leading Hannah to discover VinUniversity. She saw VinUni as a young university with potential. "Let me be part of something new and shoot my shot!". At VinUni, she found not only a community of talented and supportive faculty but also a platform for personal and professional growth, especially under the mentorship of Dr. Huyen in nursing research.

Driven by the challenges faced by her younger brother with cerebral palsy, Hannah aspires to specialize in pediatric nursing. Her journey at VinUniversity is a testament to the transformative power of kindness and the impact of education on future generations. She would like to thank VinUni for making scholarships available. "It would not have been possible to pursue my career without my scholarship. Thank you from my heart for your kindness in preparing talents for the future".

HANNAH YEBOA

College of Health Sciences - 60% Scholarship





# Passion for biology stemming from the Quang Tri rice field

Born to rice field laborer parents, Loc's childhood was filled with simple joys crafting toys and fishing. Despite attending an unranked elementary school, his innate talent in biology, fueled by his love for nature, caught his teachers' attention. They referred him to the talented and gifted high school where Loc's passion for biology flourished. He won third prize in a regional competition in 8th grade. After completing his rigorous 12th grade exam, he won second in a national competition. Although this triumph guaranteed him a place in a national university, financial constraints nearly halted his educational journey.

He received a full scholarship to study medicine at Pirogov National Research Medical University in Moscow, where he overcame language barriers and pursued an intensive MD curriculum. However, because of his father's rheumatism and his sister's muscular dystrophy, he had to return to Vietnam. He received a full scholarship from VinUni, pursuing a career combating muscular dystrophy with molecular biology.

Looking ahead, Loc aims to further his research expertise with a master's degree through a joint program with University of Pennsylvania, before applying for a PhD His gratitude towards scholarship benefactors is profound, inspiring him to dream of founding a scholarship fund at VinUni. This vision not only honors the support he received but also aims to empower future students to chase their dreams in medicine and research, embodying the cycle of generosity and innovation.

**NGUYEN HUU LOC** 

College of Health Sciences - 100% Scholarship

### Nurturing the soul with books

Cuong grew up in the Mekong Delta with his younger brother. His mother had him from the very young age of 19 and currently works as a therapeutic masseuse. His dad abandoned the family when Cuong was a small child. Having had to mature early, Cuong rose above the turbulent events of his family life by interning at "HOA HOC TRO" Teen Magazine and saving money to immerse himself in books. He found peace and comfort in books about successful habits, entrepreneurship, healing, and the tales of Vietnam's past, which gave him inspiration to develop and strive for the best.

Cuong chose nursing to serve and heal the hearts of millions of patients. Given opportunities at VinUni, Cuong is able to go beyond the pages of his beloved books to his dream international universities like Cornell University, University of Pennsylvania, Arizona State, and Stanford University. Cuong also found time to dance KPOP for charity, reflecting the heart of a compassionate soul. From VinUni's nursing program, Cuong has learned to love himself first so he can take care of other people. His journey into self-discovery transformed him into a better caregiver. He believes there's nothing more meaningful than serving others.

Cuong extends his gratitude to all those who believe in VinUni students and offer support. He extends his wishes for tranquility in the mind, harmony within the family, and fulfillment in the soul. He firmly believes that those who lend a helping hand to VinUni students will sow seeds of blessings for themselves and their descendants. Their kindness and spirit of generosity will nurture a talented generation to create positive impacts on society.

**LE CHI CUONG** 

College of Health Sciences - 100% Scholarship





## From personal experience to greater purpose

Tran's story begins in the bustling streets of Hanoi, where she was born into a family deeply affected by severe alcohol disorders that lasted for generations. Her childhood was shadowed by the health battles of her loved ones: her grandfather's stroke, her uncle's death due to cirrhosis and hepatic encephalopathy, and her father's fight against diabetes, hypertension, and delirium tremens (DTs), all of which are exacerbated by alcohol. This challenging situation became the catalyst for Tran to test her resilience and strength. After the tragedy, Tran developed a strong interest in behavioral health and chronic disease management. She read medical novels as a child to increase her understanding of how healthcare providers interact with her patients. Nursing is a path where she could not only offer care but also empower family well-being with her knowledge and resources.

At VinUni, Tran dedicated herself to researching alcohol use disorder. She wrote 5 grants, attended 3 international conferences, and published 10 papers, including 3 first papers as first author. Her goal after graduation is to obtain experience in general nursing care and palliative care. After taking her NCLEX exam, she plans to pursue a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree abroad in gerontology (study of old people).

Tran's journey is a powerful narrative of overcoming adversity through resilience and education. Her achievements, fueled by a transformative scholarship, reflect her determination to give back and inspire change. She honors the support of VinUni's donors. Tran's story embodies hope, illustrating the impact of compassion, dedication, and the pursuit of knowledge in the face of life's challenges.

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