

# GES 2015



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# INTRODUCTION LETTER

GLOBALISED ERA SCHOLARSHIP FOR LAW STUDENTS

HO CHI MINH CITY

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## A. INTRODUCTION

The **GLOBALISED ERA SCHOLARSHIP (GES)** program is now in its sixth year running and officially opens to senior law students from: Hanoi Law University; the Faculty of Law – Vietnam National University, Hanoi; the Faculty of Law – Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam; Ho Chi Minh City University of Law; University of Economics and Law – Vietnam National University, HCMC and the Faculty of Law – University of Economics, HCMC.

Sponsored by a number of both locally and globally renowned legal practitioners (the Sponsors), this program aims to provide the highly selective students with access to financial aids and professional assistance in their future careers in legal practice.

Recipients of the GES (the Scholars) will be selected through a process of written application and personal interview. Each of them will then be attentively assigned to a Sponsor for peerless opportunity to private mentorship. The program then runs throughout the Scholars' final academic year with an abundant variety of activities and training sessions organised by the Sponsors, respectable Alumni and the Scholars themselves.



## B. SPONSORS

### WHAT DO SPONSORS GIVE?

#### Financial assistance

Each Sponsor will provide his/her personally assigned Scholar with a monthly grant of VND 500,000 for a period of one standard academic year (from November 2015 to August 2016).

#### Mentoring sponsors will

- Meet with their Scholar at least once a month to assist the Scholar with any of his/her professional and academic concern; and
- Host monthly collective training sessions for all Scholars in alternative locations of the Sponsors.

### WHAT DO SPONSORS RECEIVE IN RETURN?

#### Branding

Once selected, the Scholar will become closely associated with the Sponsor and will be so identified. For example, the Scholar sponsored by Firm A will be known as “Firm A’s Scholar”.

#### Reinforcement

If appropriate, the Sponsor may choose to employ the Scholar on a part-time basis, or after the Scholar’s graduation, on a full-time basis. There is, of course, no obligation for the Sponsor to do so. Equally, there is no obligation on the part of the Scholar to accept the recruiting offer made by the Sponsor.

#### Pro bono

By participating in the GES program, the Sponsors will have contributed to the prospects of legal training, legal education and the competition of Vietnamese legal workforce.

## C. SCHOLARS

### WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

#### Outstanding achievements

Firstly, Scholars must demonstrate excellent legal knowledge, through official transcript, essay and oral interviews.

Secondly, English proficiency is a must, as the application process will solely be conducted in English.

Thirdly, Scholars must attain a work-oriented attitude by showing strong interests in the professional practice, which will also further the Scholars' capacity to benefit from the Scholarship.

Lastly, Scholars must exhibit leadership potential and a socially responsible attitude, for instance, participation in extracurricular activities.

#### Relentless efforts

Scholars are expected to maintain their achievements throughout the course of the Scholarship. In the monthly meeting with the Sponsors, the Scholars must report on his/her activities in the respective month.

### WHAT DO SCHOLARS RECEIVE IN RETURN?

#### Financial assistance

Each Scholar will receive from the Sponsor a monthly financial grant as mentioned above.

#### Private mentorship

Also as mentioned above, each Scholar will have the chance to be personally mentored by a professional Sponsor and his/her staffs.

## D. SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

### OBJECTIVES

The main objective is to select “the best and the brightest” students from the most esteemed legal institutions in Vietnam for a unique opportunity of professional assistance in practicing legal skills.

Applications will be invited from the entire cohort of senior students at the selected Universities, then they will be shortlisted and invited for interviews. The quantity of Scholars equal to the quantity of participating Sponsors will be selected and announced (*unless a Sponsor volunteers to mentor more than one Scholar*). Finally, the Scholars will draw random lots to determine their respective Sponsors.

### MANAGEMENT

The process will be managed by an Executive Committee. This Committee will meet regularly to monitor and review the implementation of this program to ensure a consistent and communal approach by all Sponsors towards the Scholars and their privileges.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Opening for registration;
- Shortlisting application for interview;
- Selecting Scholars via interview; and
- Commencing GES 2015 - 2016.

## **E. TIMELINE FOR GLOBALISED ERA SCHOLARSHIP 2015 – 2016**

<b>NO</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sep 12<sup>th</sup> 2015 - Sep 19<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>	<b>INFORMATION SESSION DAY</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Sep 20<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>	<b>OPENING FOR REGISTRATION</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>	<b>DEADLINE OF REGISTRATION</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 – Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>	<b>SCORING AND RELEASING RESULTS OF SCREENING ROUND</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Oct 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 – Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>	<b>INTERVIEW ROUND</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 – Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>	<b>FINAL RESULTS RELEASE</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 2015</b>	<b>AWARD CEREMONY</b>

## F. GES'S SPONSORS

So far, GES (HN and HCMC) has received tremendous support from:

Allens

ATIM

Bizlaw

C-Linklaws

Citibank N.A.

Dzungst & Associates

Generali Vietnam

Indochine Counsel

LCT Lawyers

LDV Lawyers

LNT & Partners

Leadco Legal Counsel

Liberty Insurance Vietnam

LuatViet Advocates & Solicitors

Manulife Vietnam

Mr. Thang (PV Oil)

Nghiem & Chinh Lawyers

Massan Group

Mr. Nicholas Booth (UNDP)

Pham & Associates

Phuoc & Partners

Rouse Legal

Russin & Vecchi

Trinh Nguyen & Partners

Unilever Vietnam

VB Law

VN Counsel

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