

**Memorandum of Understanding
concerning the Newton Fund
between
the British Academy and the Royal Academy of Engineering
and
the National Foundation for Science and Technology Development
(NAFOSTED)**

The British Academy and the Royal Academy of Engineering, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereinafter referred to as “the UK Academies”) and the National Foundation for Science and Technology Development (hereinafter referred to as “NAFOSTED”) of Vietnam – (collectively hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”) -, seeking to build on the existing friendly and co-operative relationship between the two countries, and specifically to encourage and support increased capacity in Vietnam in the area of research and innovation,

Have reached the following understanding for pursuing collaboration under the ‘People’ strand of the Newton Fund:

**SECTION 1
Objective**

The Primary Objective of the collaboration pursued under this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be to support the research and innovation capacity of Vietnam for their long term sustainable growth. This will be achieved through collaboration on a set of funding mechanisms towards promoting increased research and innovation exchange and collaboration supporting long-term, sustainable partnerships.

Collaboration under this MoU will build on existing UK-Vietnam science, research and innovation agreements. It will not preclude other bilateral or multilateral cooperation activities and agreements in research and innovation in which each Participant may take part.

**SECTION 2
Areas and Forms of Collaborative Activities**

2A. The UK Fellowships and Grants

The British Academy and the Royal Academy of Engineering will offer *Mobility Grants* to the Vietnamese research community, covering the fields of social sciences and humanities, and engineering. For further details see *Annex 1*.

2B. The Vietnamese Fellowships and Grants

NAFOSTED will offer mobility grants to researchers from the United Kingdom and Vietnam, covering the fields of social sciences and humanities, and engineering. For further details see *Annex 2*.

SECTION 3
Executing Authorities

The Executing Authorities for the purposes of this MoU will be the British Academy and Royal Academy of Engineering and NAFOSTED. The UK Academies will deliver the programme as described in Section 2A unilaterally, and NAFOSTED will deliver the programmes as described in Section 2B unilaterally. Therefore, each side is responsible to run its selection process and to appoint the successful candidates for their schemes.

SECTION 4
Funding and Resources

The UK schemes carried out under this MoU (Section 2A) will be funded separately by the UK Academies and the Vietnamese schemes (Section 2B) will be funded by NAFOSTED under, and counting towards, the total provision of funding for the Newton Fund and in accordance with each Participants' obligations under the Newton Fund. It is intended that the UK Academies on one side and NAFOSTED on the other side will provide equivalent levels of support for the activities carried out under this MoU and described in Section 2.

The UK Academies will offer to Vietnamese researchers:

Up to 10 mobility grants in Engineering
Up to 4 mobility grants in the Social Sciences and Humanities

NAFOSTED will offer to UK researchers and Vietnamese researchers:

Up to 10 mobility grants in Engineering
Up to 4 mobility grants in the Social Sciences and Humanities

SECTION 5
Review and Monitoring

The Participants agree to:

- conduct an annual operational level review meeting, virtually or in person, as part of a programme of wider engagement;
- review annually matched funding allocation from UK and Vietnamese participants under the Newton Fund programme;
- provide an annual summary of applications received and awards made by each of the programmes in Section 2.

SECTION 6
Duration, Effective Date and Termination


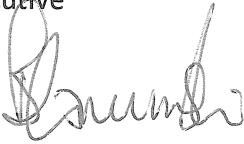

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature by the Participants and will remain valid for a period of initially two years with an expectation of extension.

It may be terminated earlier by one Participant giving the other Participant a written notice at least 90 days before the date of termination.

The termination of the MoU will not affect any funds already disbursed or spent unless otherwise decided by the Participants. .

This MoU may be amended with the mutual written consent of the Participants. This MoU is a statement of intent, but is not a legally binding document and does not create legal obligations under international law.

Signed in November 2014 in English.

<p>For the British Academy</p> <p>Robin Jackson Chief Executive & Secretary</p> <p>Signature </p> <p>Date 3 November 2014</p>	<p>For the Royal Academy of Engineering</p> <p>Philip Greenish Chief Executive</p> <p>Signature </p> <p>Date 3 November 2014</p>
<p>For NAFOSTED</p> <p>Do Tien Dung Director</p> <p>Signature </p> <p>Date 3 November 2014</p>	

ANNEX 1

The UK Fellowships and Grants

- The UK Academies' mobility grants will provide the opportunity for early career and established researchers (postdoctoral onwards) based in Vietnam to establish and develop new collaborations with UK counterparts. Both UK and Vietnamese counterparts must have a permanent or fixed term contract which runs beyond the term of the grant. They will be based around a joint research project in the fields of social sciences and humanities, and engineering. The awards will be up to £10,000-£24,000 per year and will cover costs for travel and subsistence as well as for research expenses. Applications must have a Vietnamese and UK co-applicant and be based around a jointly conceived research project.

ANNEX 2

The Vietnamese Fellowships and Grants

- NAFOSTED will support Vietnamese researchers to spend up to 6 months in the UK. In 2014, researchers must be in an ongoing project currently supported by NAFOSTED. From 2015, this condition will be removed and applications accepted from any researchers in Vietnam. The awards will follow the Vietnamese policy for supporting PhD researchers to study/research abroad (i.e. currently up to USD 9.000 per project). The awards will cover the travel cost, subsistence and insurance.
- From 2015, NAFOSTED will also expect to support UK researchers (at any stage of their career post-PhD) to spend up to 12 months in Vietnam. The awards will follow NAFOSTED policy for supporting foreign PhD researchers in Vietnam. The awards will cover the travel cost and subsistence.