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A photograph of the Tower Bridge in London at sunset. The bridge is illuminated with blue and yellow lights, and the sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and purple. The water of the River Thames is visible in the foreground, reflecting the lights and colors of the sky. The bridge's two towers and suspension cables are clearly visible.

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# Preface

## **Welcome to the VIS Newsletter – August 2025!**

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the second edition of the VIS Newsletter. This August issue captures moments of growth within the VIS community, reflecting our collective commitment to excellence, ethical research, and global collaboration.

Over the past months, VIS has strengthened its network through impactful events, academic partnerships, and contributions to national development. This edition highlights key activities, and upcoming opportunities for research funding and academic advancement.

We hope you enjoy reading and stay engaged with the VIS network as we continue building a vibrant and supportive community for Vietnamese scholars and professionals across the UK, Ireland, and beyond.



# Chairman's message

Dear Members of VIS-UK&Ireland,

I hope you have all enjoyed a refreshing summer break and are returning with renewed energy for the academic year ahead.

Since the launch of our first newsletter in April, 2025 has already been a season of growth for VIS. From dialogues with governmental delegations, policymakers and partnerships with leading universities and innovation centres in Vietnam, to the expansion of our activities across the UK and Ireland - now with more than 200 members - we continue to build a society where excellence, collaboration, and mutual support thrive. The successes of our members, whether through promotions, research awards, or leadership roles, stand as a testament to the strength of our shared vision.

Looking ahead, VIS will keep advancing initiatives that connect our members, facilitate impactful collaborations, and contribute to the sustainable development of Vietnam, the UK, and Ireland. In particular, we are proud to align with Vietnam's strategy under Resolution 57, which places science, technology, innovation, and economic progress at the heart of national development. The opening of the Da Nang-VIS Innovation Hub is just one example of this mission in action.

At the core of all our work remains a simple commitment: to support our VIS members, celebrate your achievements, and ensure VIS remains a trusted and vibrant society for intellectual growth. I warmly encourage each of you to stay connected, share your success stories, and engage with the opportunities ahead. I also look forward to welcoming many of you at our annual VIS Away Day in the heart of London on 16 September - an inspiring day to reconnect, share summer drinks, enjoy Vietnamese food, and celebrate the spirit of our society together.

Enjoy reading our news, achievements and opportunities!

With warm regards,

**Professor Huan Nguyen**  
**Chairman**



# Activities and Collaborations

# 1. VBUK & VIS Summer Together – Connecting Innovation, Finance, and Community



On 30 May 2025, the Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland (VIS) partnered with the Vietnam Businesses Association in the UK (VBUK) to host VBUK & VIS Summer Together at St. James’s Place, London. This special networking and knowledge-sharing evening brought together professionals, entrepreneurs, and academics to explore cutting-edge topics and strengthen community ties.

The event featured two keynote speakers:

- Dr. Harry Nguyen (University College Cork), who shared insights on AI Trends 2025 and the transformative applications of artificial intelligence in various business sectors, particularly within the Vietnamese community in the UK.
- Christine Le (Eastern Horizon Wealth Management), who delivered an engaging session on Financial Protection and Legacy Planning for individuals and businesses, offering practical strategies for safeguarding assets and planning for the future.

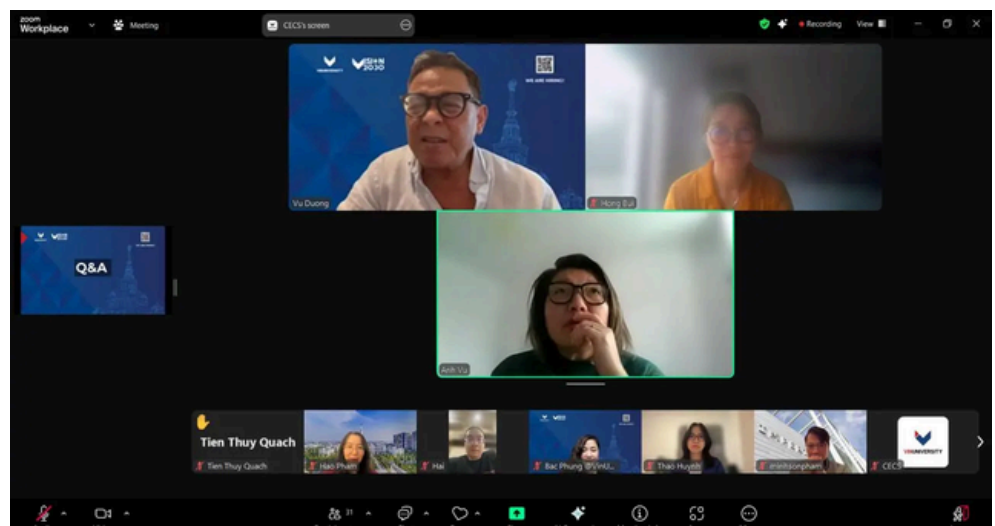
By bridging the worlds of technology, finance, and entrepreneurship, the event demonstrated how cross-sector collaboration can empower the Vietnamese community in the UK to innovate, grow, and thrive in an increasingly connected world.

## 2 . New Partnership and Opportunities between VIS and VinUniversity



On 8 June 2025, representatives from the Executive Board, secretariat, and members of VIS attended a special webinar hosted by VinUniversity. The session was designed to introduce VinUni's vision, mission, and core values, and to explore potential collaborations with Vietnamese scholars worldwide.

For VIS members, this was not only an opportunity to learn more about VinUni's development strategy, but also a starting point for mutually beneficial collaborations in research, education, and knowledge exchange. Discussions touched upon possibilities for joint research projects, visiting scholar programs, and mentorship initiatives that would connect experienced academics in the UK and Ireland with scholars and students at VinUni.



### 3. VIS Awayday in Ireland

On 11 June 2025, VIS successfully hosted its Awayday in Ireland, a milestone gathering that brought together Vietnamese scholars, researchers, and students based in Ireland.



Throughout the day, participants took part in lively discussions on how VIS can further its mission of fostering knowledge exchange, and promoting impactful research collaborations. The event also created valuable opportunities for networking, enabling attendees to share experiences, explore joint projects, and strengthen their academic and professional ties.

Significantly, the Awayday paved the way for new collaborations between universities and organisations across Ireland, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam. These connections are expected to lead to joint research projects, academic exchanges, and new opportunities for Vietnamese scholars and students in both countries.



The success of the VIS Awayday in Ireland reflects the society's commitment to building a strong, connected, and supportive Vietnamese academic community—one that bridges borders and contributes to innovation and excellence in multiple fields.

## 4. Strengthening Partnerships in Hanoi

On 23 July 2025, VIS Chairman Prof. Huan Nguyen, together with Assoc. Prof. Yen Tran and Dr. Tien Quach, visited Hanoi Architectural University (HAU) to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The MOU lays a strong foundation for future collaboration between VIS and HAU, with a focus on:

- Joint research projects and academic exchange
- Workshops, seminars, and professional training activities
- Capacity-building initiatives for faculty and staff
- Opportunities for HAU students to study, intern, or gain international exposure in the UK and Ireland

Both sides emphasized the significance of this cooperation not only in strengthening academic and professional ties but also in creating valuable opportunities for Vietnamese students to broaden their horizons and contribute to Vietnam's sustainable development.

On the same day, VIS representatives also visited CMC Global's Hanoi headquarters, reinforcing collaboration between VIS and one of Vietnam's leading technology companies.

These initiatives mark important steps toward expanding VIS's partnerships in Vietnam, offering students, researchers, and professionals greater opportunities for international cooperation and knowledge exchange.

## 5. Da Nang – VIS London Innovation Hub



In July 2025, VIS and the DaNang Innovation Startup Support Center signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to jointly establish the DaNang – VIS London Innovation Hub.

With offices in both DaNang and London, the Hub is designed to become a bridge for technology transfer, startup support, and international collaboration between Vietnam, the UK, and Ireland.

As part of this collaboration, VIS representatives also participated in the DaNang Innovation Startup Festival 2025, where they joined interdisciplinary dialogues on AI, blockchain, digital twins, virtual and augmented reality.

This initiative marks an important step in VIS's mission to connect Vietnamese intellectuals overseas with Vietnam's innovation ecosystem, bringing new opportunities for research collaboration, startup growth, and global networking.



## 6. Commemorating the 80th Anniversary of August Revolution and Vietnam's National Day



This August and September, we celebrate two historic milestones that forever shaped the destiny of Vietnam: the 80th Anniversary of the August Revolution (19 August 1945–2025) and the 80th National Day of Vietnam (2 September 1945–2025). These anniversaries remind us of the extraordinary courage and sacrifice of earlier generations, while also inspiring new commitments to innovation, progress, and collaboration.

For VIS, these commemorations are not only moments of national pride but also a call to action. As a community of scholars, researchers, and professionals, we continue to honour this legacy by contributing our knowledge and expertise to Vietnam's sustainable development and by fostering bridges of international cooperation.

On behalf of our community of Vietnamese scholars, researchers, and professionals across the UK and Ireland, VIS extends its warmest congratulations to the people of Vietnam. We reaffirm our mission to contribute to the nation's growth through research excellence, educational partnerships, and international collaboration, building on the legacy of independence to shape a sustainable and innovative future.



# Member Achievements

# 1. Prof. Huan Nguyen Appointed to Vietnam's National Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Innovation, and Digital Transformation

Chief of the Party Central Committee Office Le Hoai Trung, Chairman of the National Advisory Council on Science, Technology, Innovation and National Digital Transformation, has appointed 18 council members, including 8 scientists, 3 experts and 7 entrepreneurs.



Among the distinguished members is Prof. Huan Nguyen, Founder and Director of the Digital Twin Research Centre in London, Head of 5G/6G and IoT Research Group at Middlesex University London (UK). He is also serving as the Chairman of VIS. His expertise in digital technologies and cross-discipline cross-border collaborations will be invaluable to the Council's mission of advancing Vietnam's Vietnam's competitiveness in the global digital economy.

VIS is proud to see our Chairman join other eminent scientists on this prestigious council, further strengthening the role of overseas Vietnamese scholars in shaping the nation's future in science, technology, and innovation.

## 2. Congratulations on promotion from VIS members

### **Prof. Long Tran-Thanh – University of Warwick**

Dr. Long Tran-Thanh has been promoted to Full Professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Warwick, effective 1 August 2024.



### **Assoc. Prof. Linh Nguyen – University College London**

Dr. Linh Nguyen has been promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering at University College London.



### **Prof. Hien-Quoc Ngo – Queen’s University Belfast**

Dr. Hien-Quoc Ngo has been promoted to Full Professor at the School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering, and Computer Science, Queen’s University Belfast.



**We are proud to celebrate the recent academic promotions and recognitions of our distinguished VIS members, whose dedication and excellence continue to inspire our community.**

### 3. Honours and Contributions from VIS Members

#### Assoc. Prof. Linh Nguyen Featured on VTV as Advisory Board Member of the Vietnam Young Intellectuals Forum

Assoc. Prof. Linh Nguyen (University College London), our Executive Board member, was recently featured on VTV in her role as an Advisory Board member of the Vietnam Young Intellectuals Forum.



The Vietnam Young Intellectuals Forum is a national platform connecting young experts and scientists to contribute to the country's development through innovative ideas, research, and policy recommendations. Assoc. Prof. Linh Nguyen's involvement reflects her dedication to fostering the next generation of Vietnamese talent, as well as her commitment to advancing knowledge exchange between Vietnam and the international academic community.

#### Dr. Tien Quach Recognised with Contribution Award

Congratulations to Dr. Tien Quach, our General Secretary, who has been honoured the Contribution Award for her outstanding service as Chair of the International Younger Chemists' Network (IYCN).

Under her leadership, IYCN has expanded global collaboration among early-career chemists, strengthened mentoring opportunities, and advanced initiatives that empower young researchers to engage with pressing scientific challenges. This recognition reflects her commitment to empowering young chemists worldwide and advancing international collaboration in science.



### 3. Honours and Contributions from VIS Members

#### **Prof. Viet-Anh Dang - Best Paper Award at VICIF 2025**

We extend our warm congratulations to our Vice Chair - Prof. Viet-Anh Dang, University of Manchester, for receiving the Best Paper Award at the Vietnam International Conference in Finance (VICIF) held in July 2025.



This award highlights his outstanding contribution to the field of finance and underlines the excellence and impact of VIS members in global academic and professional communities.




# Upcoming Events

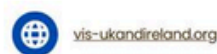
# 1. Special VIS Coffee Talk: Academic Integrity

The Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland (VIS), with the support of the British Council, is delighted to invite you to join a Special VIS Coffee Talk in a panel discussion on Academic Integrity.

 **Date:** Wednesday, 27 August 2025

 **Time:** 9:00 AM (UK) | 3:00 PM (Vietnam)

 **Platform:** Zoom - Please scan the QR code on the poster or [click here](#) to register



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 9:00, UK

 15:00, VN

We have the honour of welcoming the panelist of leading experts from Vietnam and the UK in fields spanning natural sciences, engineering, medicine, social sciences, economics, and education.

- **Assoc. Prof. Minh-Son Pham** - Imperial College London, UK (Host)
- **Prof. Tran Diep Tuan** - President of University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- **Prof. Hong Bui** - Director of Education Management, Vin University, Vietnam
- **Assoc. Prof. Yen Tran** - Edinburgh Business School, Heriot Watt University, UK
- **Prof. Long Tran-Thanh** - Deputy Head (Director of Research), Department of Computer Science, University of Warwick, UK

**We are looking forward to your participation!**

## 2. VIS Away Day 2025

We are delighted to invite you to the **VIS Awayday 2025 in London**, organised by the Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland (VIS).

📍 Venue: St. James's Place, 30 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9BQ

📅 Date/Time: Tuesday, 16th September 2025 | 2:00pm – 9:00pm

This annual gathering is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Connect with VIS members, partners, and friends from the UK, Ireland, and Vietnam
- Explore opportunities for collaboration between VIS and other organisations
- Join inspiring discussions and talks from thought leaders and experts

Programme highlights include:

- Opening remarks by VIS leadership and representatives of the Embassy of Vietnam
- Panel on mentoring and supporting P89 PhD candidates (sponsored by the British Council Vietnam)
- Talk by Professor Ngoc Son Bui (University of Oxford): “Academic Creativity: Myth and Truth”
- Networking, team building, and community updates

**Full programme & registration here (Deadline: 6th September 2025)**

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A special thanks to our sponsors: British Council, CMC Global Company Limited., and Eastern Horizon Wealth Management for their support.

**We look forward to welcoming you to an inspiring day of learning, networking, and strengthening the UK–Vietnam connection!**

# Opportunities

We are pleased to share selected research funding and prize opportunities relevant to VIS members.





# 1. UK-Viet Nam iTechPath Grant 2025

The British Council is inviting proposals for the **UK-Viet Nam iTechPath grant** from the Going Global Partnerships. The grants support UK-Viet Nam Higher Education partnerships for Innovation, Science and Technology as Pathway to Excellence.

Three main groups of prioritised areas include:

- Group 1: Advanced manufacturing, Digital and Technology
- Group 2: Clean Energy
- Group 3: Life sciences (advanced biomedical and biopharmaceutical technology)

Funding is available for an expected total of six (06) projects, each with a value of up to £10,000. This seed funding aims to support and facilitate initial discussion and activities, which is to build up a three-year plan to 1) develop Talent programmes in priority areas, 2) Facility joint research, mobility and exchange, and 3) Establish UK-Viet Nam sustainable partnerships.

Further information about the call and Vietnamese universities who are ready to embark on this initiative can be found at <https://www.britishcouncil.vn/en/programmes/education/going-global-partnerships/activities-opportunities/open-call-uk-viet-nam-itechpath-2025>

**Deadline for application is close of 9 September 2025.**



## 2. Study UK Alumni Awards 2026

The Study UK Alumni Awards 2026 will officially **open for applications** on **Monday, 1 September 2025** to celebrate the outstanding achievements of international alumni of UK higher education and highlight the transformative impact of a UK education on individuals and their communities.

In-person national ceremonies will take place in 18 countries worldwide between December 2025 and May 2026, attended by high-profile guests, showcasing the leadership, innovation, and academic excellence of UK alumni.

Full details and eligibility criteria of the awards are available at: <https://opportunities-insight.britishcouncil.org/short-articles/opportunities/study-uk-alumni-awards-2026-call-applications>



### 3. TNE Exploratory Grants 2025

The British Council's Going Global Partnerships programme has launched the **TNE Exploratory Grants 2025**, supporting transnational education (TNE) partnerships between the UK and 14 countries, including Viet Nam.

Projects funded under the TNE Exploratory Grants 2025 are expected to contribute to one or more of the following objectives:

- Foster sustainable institutional change by promoting more inclusive access to high-quality education through transnational education (TNE).
- Deepen understanding of local contexts and help create supportive regulatory and operational environments for TNE partnerships.
- Drive positive change in education systems, ensuring that initiatives are responsive to local needs and aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while making international education more inclusive and accessible.

Further information about types of projects, eligibility, and key details can be found at <https://opportunities-insight.britishcouncil.org/short-articles/opportunities/tne-exploratory-grants-2025>

**Submission deadline: 8 September 2025**





## 4. Additional UK Funding Sources

- UK Research and Innovation (UKRI): UKRI offers funding for international research, allowing UK-based researchers to participate in EU funding programs and collaborate globally. [UK Research and Innovation](#)
- International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF): Managed by the UK government, ISPF allocates £337 million up to 2025 to facilitate international research collaborations addressing global challenges (replacing Newton Fund). [GOV.UK](#)
- Other funding organisations: [British Council](#), [Academy of Medical Sciences](#), [British Academy](#), [Met Office](#), [National Physical Laboratory](#), [Royal Academy of Engineering](#), [Royal Society](#), [UK Research and Innovation](#), [UK Atomic Energy Authority](#), [Universities UK International](#), [Welcome Trust](#), etc
- Other initiatives and programmes: UK PACT (UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions): <https://www.ukpact.co.uk/> ; UKIERI (UK India Education and Research Initiative): <https://www.ukieri.org/>





## 5. International Science Partnerships Fund (ISPF)

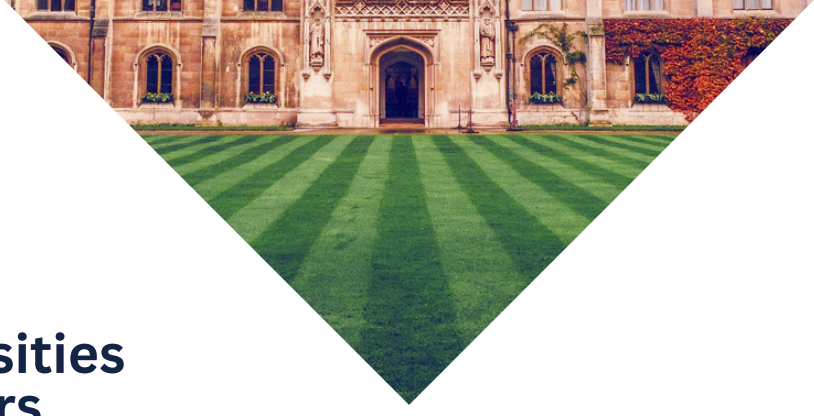
ISPF is managed by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, and delivered by a consortium of the UK's leading research bodies, including:

- [Academy of Medical Sciences](#)
- [British Academy](#)
- [British Council](#)
- [Met Office](#)
- [National Physical Laboratory](#)
- [Royal Academy of Engineering](#)
- [Royal Society](#)
- [UK Research and Innovation](#)
- [UK Atomic Energy Authority](#)
- [Universities UK International](#)

More information at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/international-science-partnerships-fund-ispf/international-science-partnerships-fund-ispf>





## 6. Vietnamese Universities Seeking UK Partners

Several universities in Vietnam are actively looking for UK partners to collaborate on **iTechPath and other funding calls**. If interested, please reach out directly:

- **HCMC University of Technology (HCMUT)**

Assoc. Prof. Lai Quoc Dat - Director of the External Affairs Office

Contact email: [lqdat@hcmut.edu.vn](mailto:lqdat@hcmut.edu.vn); [ntnhan@hcmut.edu.vn](mailto:ntnhan@hcmut.edu.vn)

- **Duy Tan University**

Nguyen Thi Lan Anh - Director of Global Exchange Office

Contact email: [nguyenthilananh@duytan.edu.vn](mailto:nguyenthilananh@duytan.edu.vn); [geo@duytan.edu.vn](mailto:geo@duytan.edu.vn)

- **University of Engineering and Technology - VNU Hanoi**

Trinh Chu Duc - Rector; Tran Van Quang - Deputy Head of Academic Affair

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- **Posts and Telecommunications Institute of Technology (PTIT)**

Dr. Nguyen Viet Hung - Deputy Head of Department of Science and Technology Management & International Cooperation

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# Stay Connected

**VIS thrives thanks to the active engagement and contributions of our members. We warmly encourage you to:**

**Share your updates** - Have you recently published a paper, received a grant, or achieved a new academic milestone? Let us know so we can feature your success in upcoming newsletters.

**[Click here to submit your updates](#)**

**Collaborate with VIS** - Whether through joint research, seminars, or mentoring opportunities, VIS is committed to building bridges across disciplines and countries. Reach out if you have ideas for new initiatives.

**Stay updated** - Follow our official channels to never miss an event or announcement:

*Website:* [vis-ukandireland.org](http://vis-ukandireland.org)

*LinkedIn:* VIS - Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland

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Your involvement makes our community stronger. Together, we continue to honour Vietnam's legacy and shape its future through knowledge, innovation, and collaboration.



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# Thank You



Warm regards,  
VIS Secretary and Executive Board