

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2026



Presented by VIS Secretary
and Executive Board

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As Chairman of the Vietnamese Intellectual Society (VIS), I am proud to see our community continue to grow as a vibrant platform connecting Vietnamese academics, researchers, and professionals across the UK and Ireland. VIS provides a space for members to exchange knowledge, build meaningful connections, and foster collaboration across disciplines and generations.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to strengthening academic and professional ties between Vietnam, the UK, and Ireland, while creating greater opportunities for collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange. Through these connections, we hope to support our members and contribute to the development of the wider Vietnamese intellectual community.

I would like to thank all our members, partners, and supporters for their continued commitment to VIS. Together, we can build an even stronger and more connected community, making a meaningful contribution to Vietnam and the global community.

Prof. Huan Nguyen
VIS Chairman



ACTIVITIES AND COLLABORATIONS

May to August 2026



VIS–MOET DIALOGUE ON UK–VIET NAM POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

May, 2026

The Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland (VIS) welcomed representatives from the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education and Training (MOET), to London for a productive discussion on postgraduate training and high-quality talent development.



The meeting was attended by:

- Mr Dao Quyen Truong, Deputy Ambassador of Viet Nam to the UK
- Ms Dao Thi Hong, First Secretary for Education
- Dr Dang Van Huan, Department of Higher Education, MOET
- Prof. Nguyen Xuan Huan (Chair of VIS)
- Assoc. Prof. Dang Que Anh (VIS Executive Board Member)
- VIS Secretary Team
- VIS members

VIS–MOET DIALOGUE ON UK–VIET NAM POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

May, 2026

The meeting brought together representatives from the Vietnamese Embassy, MOET, and VIS to discuss the implementation of Decision 1002/QĐ-TTg on developing high-quality science and technology talent for 2025–2035, with a vision to 2045. Discussions highlighted innovative approaches to postgraduate education and stronger collaboration between Vietnamese and UK higher education institutions.



VIS reaffirmed its commitment to working closely with MOET through consultation, academic collaboration, and expert engagement, helping strengthen connections between Vietnamese intellectuals overseas and stakeholders in Viet Nam.

VIS LAUNCHES EXPERT DATABASE AND STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY EXPERT GROUPS

June, 2026



On 5 June 2026, at the Embassy of Viet Nam in London, the Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland (VIS) officially launched its Expert Database and Strategic Technology Expert Groups, marking an important milestone in strengthening connections between overseas Vietnamese expertise and the development needs of Viet Nam.



The event was attended by H.E. Ambassador Do Minh Hung, representatives of the Embassy of Viet Nam in the UK, the Science and Technology Office in London, VIS Executive Board members, and experts from across the VIS network. The event also welcomed the online participation of Mr Nguyen Phu Hung, Director General of the Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology of Viet Nam, highlighting the Ministry's strong support for connecting overseas Vietnamese expertise with national science and technology priorities.

The newly launched database brings together more than 200 experts from around 70 universities, research institutes, and organisations across the UK and Ireland, covering a wide range of strategic fields.

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Importantly, the Expert Database initiative was developed with the support and sponsorship of the Science and Technology Office in London, under the Ministry of Science and Technology of Viet Nam, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening connections between overseas Vietnamese experts and national priorities in science, technology, innovation, and digital transformation.



In his remarks, H.E. Ambassador Do Minh Hung highlighted that science, technology, and innovation are key pillars of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Viet Nam and the United Kingdom. He also recognised the valuable contributions of VIS in mobilising intellectual resources from the Vietnamese community in the UK to support national development.

Prof. Nguyen Xuan Huan, Chair of VIS, emphasised that the database is more than a directory of experts. It is designed as a practical mechanism to connect challenges and opportunities from ministries, universities, research institutes, local authorities, and businesses in Viet Nam with the expertise of Vietnamese professionals and academics in the UK and Ireland.

The newly established expert groups will serve as focal points for collaboration, helping to translate ideas and goodwill into concrete projects, policy advice, research partnerships, talent development initiatives, and innovation activities.

VIS would like to express its sincere appreciation to the Embassy of Viet Nam in the UK, the Science and Technology Office in London, and all VIS members and experts who contributed to the development of this initiative.

VIS COFFEE TALK 2026

NAVIGATING UNCERTAINTY: RESILIENCE IN THE HIGHER EDUCATION SECTOR

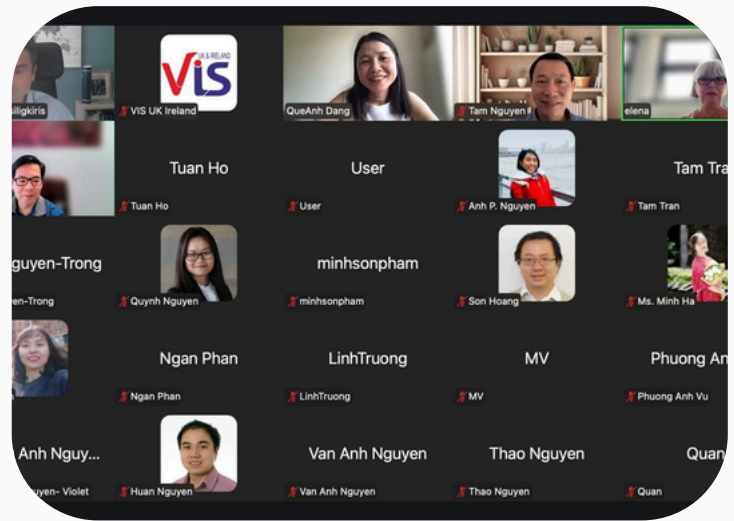
Chair: Dr Que Anh Dang – Coventry University

Guest speakers:

Professor Elena Gaura, Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), Coventry University

Professor Vangelis Tsiligkiris, Head of the Department of Accounting and Finance, Nottingham Trent University

The seminar brought together two distinguished speakers to explore how higher education institutions can respond to uncertainty through research innovation, resilience, sustainable international partnerships, and future-oriented strategies.



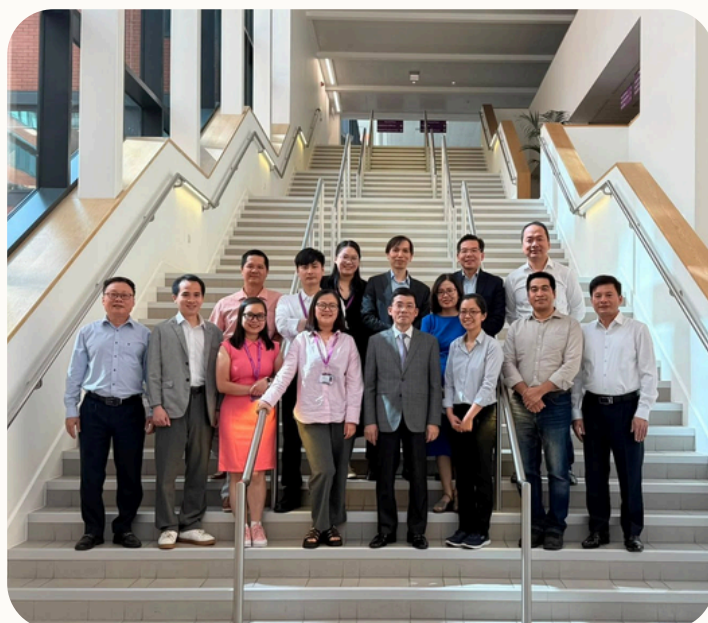
Prof. Elena Gaura highlighted that resilience in research depends on investing in people, high-performing teams, and international networks amid financial, geopolitical, and technological challenges. Prof. Vangelis Tsiligkiris presented a five-dimensional framework for resilient and sustainable Transnational Education (TNE), emphasising its integration into wider international strategies and its potential to create transformative impact. The discussion explored UK–Vietnam collaboration, including the role of the Vietnamese academic diaspora, opportunities for TNE and research projects, and the need for Vietnam to build an international education ecosystem rather than simply pursue an “education hub” model.

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STRENGTHENING GLOBAL VIETNAMESE INTELLECTUAL NETWORKS

FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

On 12 August 2026, the Vietnamese Intellectual Society in the UK and Ireland (VIS), in collaboration with Vietnam's Central Commission for Policy and Strategy, hosted a policy dialogue at Alliance Manchester Business School, The University of Manchester. Led by Mr Nguyen Duy Hung, Vice Chairman of the Commission, the Vietnamese delegation met with Vietnamese academics, researchers and industry experts in the UK to exchange international experience, research findings and policy recommendations for Vietnam's scientific, technological and sustainable development.



Discussions focused on strategic areas including green maritime logistics, the blue economy, Agentic AI, semiconductors and Neuro-AI, highlighting opportunities for technology transfer, innovation and research collaboration.

Participants stressed the importance of investing in human capital and strengthening links between government, academia, industry and the global Vietnamese intellectual community, with proposals for joint research, talent development and regular policy engagement to deepen UK–Vietnam cooperation.

THEMATIC WORKSHOP FROM AGENTIC AI TO RESPONSIBLE IMPACT



As part of the Da Nang Startup and Innovation Fair – SURF 2026, VNUK Institute for Research & Executive Education, in partnership with VIS (UK & Ireland), is proud to present the seminar "From Agentic AI to Responsible Impact."

This session brings together experts, researchers, and members of the startup community to discuss the journey from Agentic AI to responsible impact – a critical topic as AI continues to reshape how organizations operate and make decisions.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Duy Hoang (Harry Nguyen) – University College Cork, Ireland – presenting "Can We Trust AI That Acts? Traceability, Controllability and Agentic Systems"

Mr. Nguyen Quang Tin – Head of Tech Partnership, Ecomdy Media – presenting "Designing Responsible Voice AI for Inclusive Real-World Impact"

Dr. Dang Duc Long – VNUK, University of Danang – presenting "When AI Becomes an Agent: What Should Humans Never Delegate?"

HỘI THẢO CHUYÊN ĐỀ
From Agentic AI to Responsible Impact

10:00 - 11:45
18/08/2026

Trung tâm Hỗ trợ Khởi nghiệp Đổi mới Sáng tạo Đà Nẵng (DISSC)
Số 58 Nguyễn Chí Thanh, phường Hải Châu, TP Đà Nẵng

THỜI GIAN	NỘI DUNG	DIỄN GIẢ
09:45 – 10:00	Tiếp đón đại biểu	Ban tổ chức
10:00 – 10:05	Giới thiệu chương trình và thành phần tham dự	Đại diện Ban tổ chức
10:05 – 10:15	Phát biểu khai mạc của Sở Khoa học và Công nghệ thành phố Đà Nẵng	Ông Lê Sơn Phong - Phó Giám đốc Sở KH&CN
10:15 – 10:20	Khai mạc: bối cảnh SURF 2026, hợp tác VNUK-VIS và câu hỏi "Can we trust AI that acts?"	Đại diện Viện Nghiên cứu & Đào tạo Việt - Anh (VNUK), Đại học Đà Nẵng
10:20 – 10:40	Bài trình bày "Can We Trust AI That Acts? Traceability, Controllability and Agentic Systems"	PGS. TS. Nguyễn Duy Hoàng (Harry Nguyen) - University College Cork, Ireland
10:40 – 11:00	Tham luận "Designing Responsible Voice AI for Inclusive Real-World Impact"	Ông Nguyễn Quang Tin - Head of Tech Partnership, Ecomdy Media
11:00 – 11:20	Tham luận "When AI Becomes an Agent: What Should Humans Never Delegate?"	TS. Đặng Đức Long - VNUK, Đại học Đà Nẵng
11:20 – 11:45	Hỏi đáp nhanh với các diễn giả	Đại diện VNUK điều phối
11:45	Tổng kết chương trình và chụp ảnh lưu niệm	Ban tổ chức

TÀI LIỆU HỘI THẢO
Quét mã QR để xem chi tiết

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The session closes with a live Q&A with all speakers, opening space for in-depth discussion on traceability, controllability, and accountability in deploying agentic AI systems.



VIS MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Growth, Innovation, and Outstanding
Achievements

PROFESSOR NGUYEN THI KIM THANH OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON (UCL)



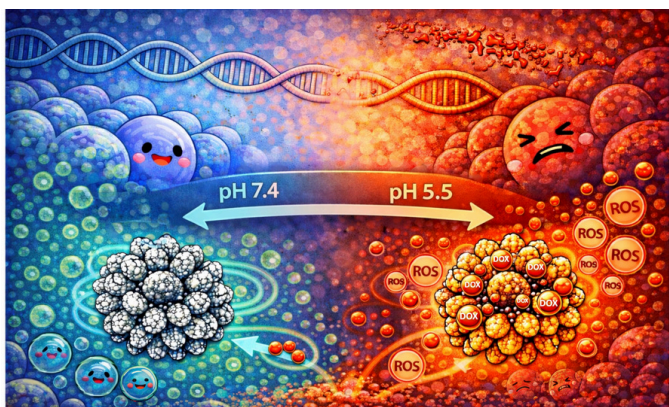
2026 ROYAL SOCIETY SUMMER SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Professor Nguyen Thi Kim Thanh has been selected to showcase her research at the Royal Society's Summer Science Exhibition 2026, one of the UK's leading public science events. Her project, "Nanomaterials: A Leap Forward in Disease Diagnosis and Treatment," is one of just 13 projects selected from across the UK.

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT

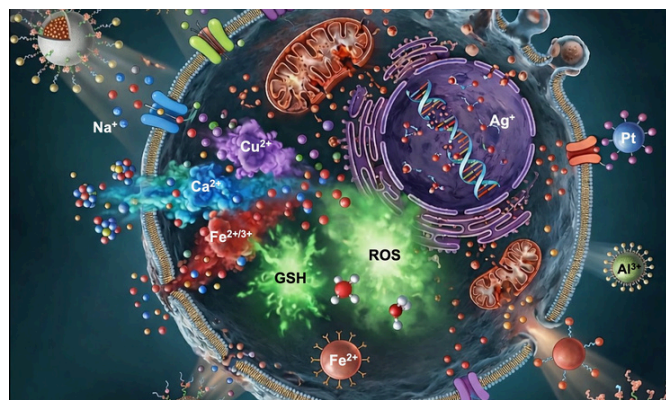
Professor Nguyen Thi Kim Thanh and colleagues have published a new study in *Nanoscale* on smart, pH-responsive magnetic iron oxide nanoflower–chitosan nanogels for controlled drug delivery in cancer therapy. The paper is **Gold Open Access** and featured on the journal's **Front Cover**.

See more at: Ozkahraman, B., Storozhuk, , Guo, D., Tung, L. D., Mourdikoudis, S. and Thanh, N. T. K. * (2026) Smart pH-Responsive Magnetic Iron Oxide Nanoflower–Chitosan Nanogels for Controlled Drug Delivery in Cancer Therapy. *Nanoscale*. 18: 7811–8388. Gold Open Access. FRONT COVER



Another research paper by Professor Nguyen Thi Kim Thanh and colleagues has been published in *Nanoscale*. The review, "Ion interference and its combined therapies for cancer treatments," explores the potential of ion interference as a strategy for developing combination cancer therapies. The article is **Gold Open Access** and has been selected for the journal's **Inside Back Cover**, highlighting the significance of the research.

See more at: Hu, X., Guo, D. D. and Thanh, N. T. K.* (2026) Ion interference and its combined therapies for cancer treatments. *Nanoscale*. 18: 13176–13198. Gold Open Access. INSIDE BACK COVER



DR. MINH NGOC NGUYEN PARK HEALTH LTD.

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A wearable device dataset for mental health assessment using laser Doppler flowmetry and fluorescence spectroscopy sensors

[Minh Ngoc Nguyen](#), [Khai Le-Duc](#), ... [Truong-](#)

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Dr. Minh Ngoc Nguyen is first author of a high-impact study published in *Communications Medicine* (Nature Portfolio), introducing a pioneering approach that combines fingertip optical sensors and machine learning to detect physiological patterns associated with stress, anxiety and depression. Data from 132 participants across 19 countries demonstrates the potential for non-invasive mental health monitoring through wearable technology.

The research has attracted significant international attention, ranking in the top 2% globally by Altmetric score and 7th among the most discussed papers published in *Communications Medicine* at the time. The work also received coverage from seven international news outlets, including Aston University.

As first author, Dr. Minh Ngoc Nguyen led the research from concept development and experimental work through to data analysis and manuscript preparation. The achievement further highlights her expertise in Health Tech and Photonic Biosensors, recognised through the prestigious British Council Women in STEM programme.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST – DECEMBER 2026

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VIS AWAY DAY

VIS AWARDS CEREMONY

OCT

Detailed information will be provided at a later date

THE AUGUST REVOLUTION AND VIETNAM'S NATIONAL DAY

August marks two important milestones in Vietnam's history: the anniversary of the August Revolution on 19 August and Vietnam's National Day on 2 September, commemorating the declaration of independence in 1945. These historic occasions reflect the nation's enduring spirit of resilience, unity, and determination.

As a community of Vietnamese scholars, researchers, and professionals in the UK, VIS is proud to celebrate Vietnam's achievements and contribute to its continued development through scientific research, education, innovation, and international collaboration.

We extend our warmest wishes to the Vietnamese community in the UK and people across Vietnam on these meaningful occasions.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SUPPORT FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Apply today to access grants and financial aid.



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available



Financial
support

HUST Talent Recruitment

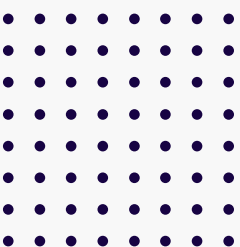
The Faculty of Educational Science and Technology at Hanoi University of Science and Technology has launched recruitment under the HUST Talent Programme, seeking outstanding lecturers, research group leaders and experts in areas including Educational Technology, Educational Assessment, STEM education, AI and Organisational Psychology.

The initiative aims to strengthen research capacity, develop pioneering education programmes and expand international and industry collaboration.

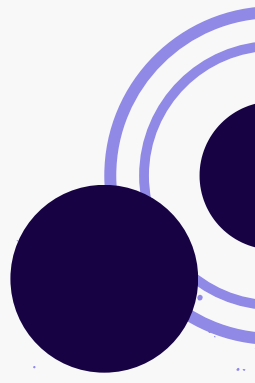
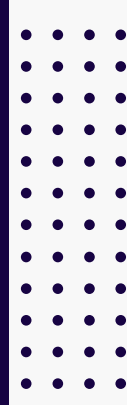
Applications are open continuously until 31 December 2030.

Detailed Information:

<https://fed.hust.edu.vn/vi/news/tin-tuc/khoa-khoa-hoc-va-cong-nghe-giao-duc-tuyen-dung-giang-vien-xuat-sac-truong-nhom-nghien-cuu-va-chuyen-gia-theo-de-an-hust-talent-302831.html>



VINUNIVERSITY ASSISTANT PROFESSORSHIPS (VAP) 2026–2027



As part of its Vision 2030 to reach the World's Top 100, VinUniversity is building a strong faculty of early- and mid-career researchers who want the resources and autonomy to lead their own research group in a young, high-investment academic environment.

Eligibility: researchers across all disciplines holding a PhD or MD awarded in 2020 or later.

What's on offer:

- Competitive remuneration and faculty appointment, with potential for long-term contracts and leadership roles
- A start-up research grant of up to USD 1,000,000 over five years for experimental STEM fields, or up to USD 500,000 for other fields
- Up to two full PhD scholarships worth USD 200,000 each
- Dedicated lab and office space with access to advanced research infrastructure
- Eligibility to apply for additional funding from the Vingroup Innovation Foundation and NAFOSTED

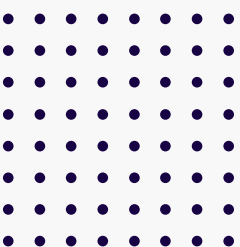
Applications are open from August 1 to October 15, 2026.

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO:

<https://legacyofexcellence.vinuni.edu.vn/vin-university-assistant-professorships/>

MORE INFORMATION:

talent@vinuni.edu.vn



OTHER FUNDINGS OPPORTUNITIES

1. **EIT New European Bauhaus – Co-create NEB Open Call 2027**
 - Supports local partnerships involving communities, municipalities and other organisations to deliver improvements to neighbourhoods and public spaces. Grants of up to €49,300, with €8,700 co-funding. Deadline: 30 September 2026.
2. **Innovative Health Initiative JU – Call 13**
 - Funding for collaborative projects covering healthcare innovation, AI-based toxicology and immunoscience of age-related diseases. Deadline: 8 October 2026.
3. **UKRI Translation: BBSRC Proof of Concept 2026**
 - Supports the translation of bioscience research into products, services and solutions with economic, societal or environmental impact. Up to £800,000 (80% funded), for up to 24 months. Deadline: 14 October 2026.
4. **EPSRC – Next Generation Artificial Intelligence: Explainable AI**
 - Supports high-risk, high-reward fundamental research to advance explainability in AI systems. Up to £602,500 (80% funded), for up to two years. Deadline: 20 October 2026.
5. **NERC – Resilient Economy and Security through Ecosystem Transitions**
 - Supports research into ecosystem transitions and their implications for economic prosperity, societal resilience and national security. Up to £2.5 million (80% funded), for up to three years. Deadline: 22 October 2026.
6. **COST – European Cooperation in Science & Technology**
 - Supports interdisciplinary research networks, allowing researchers to establish new COST Actions or participate in existing networks. Deadline: 28 October 2026.
7. **Transformative Sustainable AI Technologies**
 - Supports speculative, high-risk research with the potential to deliver significant advances in the sustainability of future AI systems. Up to £602,500 (80% funded), for up to 24 months. Deadline: 10 November 2026.
8. **Velux Stiftung – Healthy Ageing**
 - Supports research projects addressing healthy ageing. Up to CHF 75,000 per year for projects of up to four years. Deadline: 24 November 2026.
9. **AHRC – Unlocking Advanced Capabilities in Conservation and Heritage Science**
 - Supports sustainable national capability, improved access to facilities and research addressing unmet demand in conservation and heritage science. Up to £1.5 million, for up to two years. Deadline: 25 November 2026.
10. **Horizon Europe Springboard Scheme – Cluster 4 Industry Themes**
 - Provides support for developing Horizon Europe proposals in relevant Cluster 4 Industry and Horizontal Activities topics. Up to £5,000 per organisation. Deadline: 2 February 2027. Applications are assessed on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis.

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

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.

Thank You

Warm regards,
VIS Secretary and Executive Board