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# VIS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SUMMIT 2026 PROGRAMME

Time: Saturday 21 November 2026

Venue: University College London, London

## MORNING VIS Spin-outs and Start-up Forum - "From University Lab to Global Market"

| Time | Session | Speaker |
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| **09:30 - 10:00** | Registration and networking | |
| **10:00 - 10:15** | **Welcome and opening remarks** | H.E. Do Minh Hung, Ambassador of Viet Nam to the UK; VIS Chairman: Prof. Huan Nguyen; President of VNU-HN Bui The Duy |
| **10:15 - 10:40** | **From University Lab to Global Impact: Translating Research into Scalable Innovation** | Professor Umut Gurkan, Case Western Reserve University; Cambridge University; founder of Hemex Health |
| **10:40 - 11:05** | **Spinning Out Without Leaving Academia** | Professor Jin Xuan, Associate Dean of Innovation and Research, University of Surrey |
| **11:05 - 11:30** | **Building Innovation Ecosystems: What Startups Need Beyond Great Research** | Dr. Martine Abboud, CREO Incubator |
| **11:30 - 11:45** | Coffee and networking | |
| **11:46 - 11:53** | **Challenges in Commercialising Research from Vietnamese Universities** *(online)* | Dr. Trung Dung, Director, BK Holding, Hanoi University of Science and Technology |
| **11:53 - 11:00** | **Building Innovation Pathways in Vietnamese Universities** *(online)* | Mr. Tran Vu, Deputy Director, VNUHCM Innovation Hub |
| **12:00 - 13:00** | **Panel discussion: What Must Change to Accelerate University Innovation in Vietnam?** | **Moderators:** Assoc. Prof. Yen Tran and Assoc. Prof. Linh Nguyen<br>**Panellists:** Professor Umut Gurkan, Professor Jin Xuan, Dr. Martine Abboud and Prof. Tri-Dung Nguyen (NeoViews Ltd, Kent Business School) |
| **13:00 - 14:00** | Networking lunch | |

## AFTERNOON VIS Awards and VIS Research Spotlight

| Time | Session |
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| **14:00 - 14:45** | **VIS Awards Presentation - Four recipients across two categories** |
| **14:45 - 15:00** | **Opening of VIS Research Spotlight** |
| **15:00 - 15:35** | **Spotlight Presentations on Research Themes**<br><br>**A. AI, data science and digital transformation**<br><br>**B. Semiconductors, quantum, advanced materials and future telecoms**<br><br>**C. Clean energy, climate resilience and sustainability**<br><br>**D. Health, biomedicine and engineering biology**<br><br>**E. FinTech, green finance and the green economy**<br><br>**Theme Leads and Speakers:**<br><br>Prof. Hoa Le Minh (Northumbria University), Dr. Harry Nguyen (University of Cork), Assoc. Prof. Son Pham (Imperial College London), Dr. Vu Ngoc Anh (NatCen), Assoc. Prof. Linh Nguyen (University College London), Prof. Tam Nguyen (Nottingham Trent University), Assoc. Prof. Tuan Ho (University of Bristol), Dr Van Mien (Queen's University Belfast), Prof. Tri-Dung Nguyen (University of Kent) |
| **15:35 - 15:50** | **Tea Break** |
| **15:50 - 16:30** | **Panel discussion and Q&A with Theme Leads/Speakers**<br>**"Research and Innovation for a Sustainable Future"** |
| **16:40 - 17:30** | **Poster Showcase and Networking - Rajani Room** |
| **17:30** | **Closing Remarks** |

*Speaker participation and session timings are subject to confirmation.*

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