

## Scholarship opportunity for English Teachers in Viet Nam

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# FAQs - Frequently asked questions

British Council and Ulster University MA TESOL Scholarships Webinar

Date and time: Web #1: 28 April 2023, 1600 - 1700 VN time

Web #2: 12 May 2023, 1600 – 1700 VN time

No	Questions for clarification	British Council in Viet Nam response	Ulster University response
<b>Language proficiency</b>			
1	Can we use TOIEC instead of IELTS and what is specific level of TOIEC is acceptable for this scholarship?	No. Remember, if accepted (re)taking an IELTS test is covered as part of the Scholarship.	
2	My IELTS certificate has expired in February 2023, will it be ok to use this one?	No. Remember, if accepted (re)taking an IELTS test is covered as part of the Scholarship.	
3	How about certificate of the 6-level Foreign Language Proficiency Framework for Vietnam? Could it be accepted instead of IELTS?	No. Remember, if accepted (re)taking an IELTS test is covered as part of the Scholarship.	
4	Do I need to take a UKVI IELTS or just Academic IELTS will work?		Academic IELTS would be preferred by Ulster University.
5	Do I need to take the IELTS test if I have already obtained a Master's degree in Australia?		Yes. Remember, if accepted (re)taking an IELTS test is covered as part of the Scholarship.
6	Is it acceptable if i have TOEFL IBT?		TOEFL iBT Score 79 (no lower than 60 in any skill) is accepted.
7	Is it ok if I have no IELTS certificate?	No. Remember, if accepted (re)taking an IELTS test is covered as part of the Scholarship.	
8	My IELTS result expired last year. Do I need to take a test to apply for this scholarship?	Yes. Remember, if accepted (re)taking an IELTS test is covered as part of the Scholarship.	
9	Is it ok if I have CEFR of Pearson EDI Jetset (LCCI International qualifications)?		No, currently we only accept the Pearson PTE Academic test (61 with min. of 56 in each part).
10	Can I apply for the scholarship first and take the IELTS later?	Yes. Remember, if accepted (re)taking an IELTS test is covered as part of the Scholarship.	

11	Can I use my Cambridge CAE certificate to apply instead of IELTS 6.5?		Yes, you can, as equivalent to CEFR C1 level.
12	If I have already a Bachelor of English language from a University in Vietnam, could I apply for this scholarship without IELTS?	Yes, you can apply without an IELTS. But we will still need you to demonstrate your language proficiency if accepted for the Scholarship, by taking an IELTS (which British Council will support).	
<b>Eligibility</b>			
1	Can we apply if not working for a government school?	<p>Present - if you are teaching and delivering the VN English language curriculum to your learners, then you should be eligible. However, if you are delivering an international curriculum, or teaching through a private language centre, you might not be eligible unless you can [do one or both of the following]...</p> <p>Past experience – demonstrate what you have done to date to support ELT development and/or teacher CPD in your community, district, DOET or the wider ELT community in Viet Nam.</p> <p>Future intention – articulate what you plan to do to contribute to ELT development and/or teacher CPD in your community, district, DOET or the wider ELT community in Viet Nam.</p>	
2	I'm not working in the public sector. I'm a freelance teacher. Am I eligible for the scholarship?	See answer 1 above.	
3	I'm a teacher in a private school. Will I be eligible?	See answer 1 above.	

4	Can I apply if I'm teaching at a school using Cambridge curriculum?	Yes, possible. See answer 1 above.	
5	How are candidates are qualified for the scholarships? (higher band of IELTS? higher GPA?)		<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/apply/scholarships/vietnam-ma-tesol-scholarship">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/apply/scholarships/vietnam-ma-tesol-scholarship</a> - see Eligibility criteria
6	Is a second-class honours degree from a university of UK equivalent to the undergraduate degree in VietNam?		<a href="https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/apply/scholarships/vietnam-ma-tesol-scholarship">https://www.ulster.ac.uk/global/apply/scholarships/vietnam-ma-tesol-scholarship</a> - see Eligibility criteria
7	If I couldn't get the fully-funded scholarship, are there any chances to get a scholarship of 50% or 30%?	No. Fully-funded scholarships are being offered.	
8	I am Vietnamese and working in another country. May I apply for this scholarship?	See answer 1 above.	
9	If I am a Vietnamese who is working in Malaysia. If I am not eligible for this scholarship, may you suggest me some similar scholarships from UK universities?	Please review websites of similar UK universities to learn more about their online TESOL courses and whether they are offering similar Scholarship schemes. This is a pilot scheme and specific to the celebration of British Council in Viet Nam's 30th anniversary through our UK/VN Season 2023.	
10	Currently, I'm teaching at Vinschool and we're using Cambridge ESL curriculum. I just wonder if I'm eligible to apply for this scholarship.	Yes, possible. See answer 1 above.	
11	Is there any interview for candidates and is it possible for teachers who are working in thee private language centres?	Yes, we hope to shortlist and interview approx. 20 candidates from the applications submitted, from which nine Scholars will be selected.	
12	Is it correct to assume that only candidates with previous teaching experience would be shortlisted and selected?	Yes, correct. This is designed for in-service teachers or teacher educators to further your professional development.	

13	I am taking a MA degree in Linguistics in Vietnam. does it affect my application?	No, although you need to consider your capacity to study effectively on two Masters programmes simultaneously.	
<b>General</b>			
1	How many candidates could be in the short list?	Depending on the number of applications, we hope to shortlist approx. 20 candidates to interview for the nine places available.	
2	Is there any issue of age limit?	No.	
3	When apply through the Ulster University scholarships page, must I attach all of my scanned certificates and translate them into English?		Not at the application for scholarship stage, only successfully selected scholars will need documentation such as language level, academic qualifications, reference letters as evidence
4	Can you provide some information about how online lessons are delivered?		The programme will be delivered online through Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) called Blackboard. In addition, new innovative teaching technology will be utilised and students will be given training on how to use these and incorporate these into their own teaching. Live online lessons will take place two evenings per week during term time. Students will be expected to engage in independent study and directed reading.
5	If we get the scholarship, is there any fee we have to pay?	No. Please check our websites to see precisely what costs the Scholarship will cover.	
6	Are there any chances like this in the future?	Possibly. However, note that this is a pilot scheme and specific to the celebration of our 30th anniversary through our UK/VN Season 2023.	

7	Besides application questions, are there any documentation we need to prepare? (Like the reference letters?)		Not at the application for scholarship stage, only successfully selected scholars will need documentation such as language level, academic qualifications, reference letters as evidence
8	Will the instructors of this MA Programme be Dr Barbara Skinner and Dr Helen Hou like the info listed on the university's website for the MA TESOL (part-time) course? If not, can I please know where I can learn about this info?		Core lecturers for the programme are Prof. Barbara Skinner, Dr Helen Hou, and Mr Cain Barriskill. There will also be a number of additional lecturers from the School of Education that will contribute the teaching.
9	All answers are limited to 300 words for each question or for all questions?	For most questions, you will see an answer word limit of 300 words, but for one question the answer response is 500 words.	
10	I notice that there are questions about our employer. Public teachers in VN are employed by the provincial Department of Education and Training, but we are employed in different schools. What information should I fill in the form, please? (The Department or the school)	Please enter either your school or the provincial DOET that employs you.	
11	I am currently not a passport holder, can I add it in later?	Yes. If you are selected as a Scholar, you will not need to travel to the UK until Summer 2024, so you have plenty of time to apply for your passport.	

12	Candidates need to submit the scholarship form to apply. We don't need to apply any forms (SOP/LOR) to the university before, do we?		No, you don't. Simply apply via this <a href="#">link</a> and click on 'Apply now'.
13	After I complete the MA Program, can I choose an institution in Vietnam to teach or as the requirement of this program?	The MA programme is designed to support you in your professional development, so that in the future you can support your peers in Viet Nam in their professional development and ELT development more generally. However, we cannot support you in the institution you work with.	If your question is about the two-week placement in Northern Ireland in summer 2024, this component is designed to give you experience of studying, teaching and learning in the UK. It is a requirement of this programme.
14	When talking to the other candidates, they said this scholarship is just for the best ones who graduated from the top university in Viet Nam.	<p>First, do not believe idle gossip and rumours. And to those who are spreading such rumours, cease and desist now, as it is neither true nor helpful to say such things.</p> <p>Second, the only eligibility criteria are the ones found on the British Council and Ulster University webpages - we encourage and welcome applications from all, and your applications will be judged on the quality of your submissions, not on which your university you graduated from.</p> <p>If you are unsure of your eligibility, please review the webpages and these FAQs, watch the recording of the 28 April webinar and/or register to attend the second live webinar on 12 April.</p>	