



Press Release

AMCHAM WOMEN IN ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP 2015 AWARD CEREMONY

New Highlights:

- 2015 marks the 5th year of AmCham Women in Engineering Scholarship (ACWES). In 5 consecutive years, the Program has successfully awarded 180 scholarships for female engineering students from 5 universities, with the total awarded amount of more than VND 1.3 billion.
- Application criteria in 2015 expanded to a new university, International University – Vietnam National University of Ho Chi Minh city, including the following majors: School of Electrical Engineering, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

Ho Chi Minh City, May 28th 2015 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam (AmCham Vietnam – HCM City Chapter) in cooperation with Intel Products Vietnam and Axcela Vietnam will award 30 merit-based scholarships (VND 6.5 million each) and 16 English courses at Axcela Vietnam (equivalent VND 8 million each) to female engineering students who achieved the highest results throughout ACWES 2015 assessment rounds.

The Program this year has achieved those note-worthy outcomes thanks to the significant support from 4 leading Universities in training high-tech human resources in the South, including:

1. HCMC University of Technology (UT): Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Faculty of Mechanical Engineering.
2. University of Technical Education HCMC (UTE): Faculty of Machinery Manufacturing Technology; Faculty of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.
3. Can Tho University (CTU): College of Engineering Technology including Department of Electronics and Telecommunication; Department of Electrical Engineering and Automation; Department of Mechanical Engineering

4. International University – Vietnam National University of HCMC (newly incorporated into the 2015 Program): School of Electrical Engineering, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering.

ACWES was founded in 2011 under the name AmCham-Intel Female Engineering Scholarship, with the participation and sponsorship of Intel Products Vietnam; later Coca Cola Vietnam and Axcela Vietnam. The Program is a part of community activities from AmCham and AmCham's members operating in production – engineering, training in order to support and develop female human resources in high-tech fields in Vietnam. The Assessment Process for ACWES 2015 includes 2 phases: Application Form Screening and Interview with HR Specialists from AmCham and partners. In addition, together with the interview, the female students also take the English test provided by Axcela company to evaluate English skills. Candidates' performance on each round show their efforts to achieve the scholarship, their positive determination in English and soft skills improvement.

ACWES does not only provide students with financial aid, but also brings more chances for them to familiarize themselves with a variety of job opportunities and useful information from high-tech companies involved in the Program. Realizing these valuable benefits, female engineering students have great enthusiasm in applying for the Program. Sustainable development of ACWES can be seen through more and more submitted applications every year, regardless of the moderate number of female students in engineering.

With the Program's success throughout the years, in 2013, ACWES Alumnae Group was established to create a favorable environment for its members' self-improvement through all the internal and external activities, as well as to provide useful information for their career orientation from a practical point of view.

An ACWES Scholar in 2011 & 2012, Ms. Nguyen Huynh Truc Linh (currently working at Intel Products Vietnam) shared her thoughts, *“AmCham Women in Engineering Scholarship was a prestigious scholarship. I had practical experience and received useful advices from AmCham and Intel HR Specialists. My job opportunities also came from ACWES as I had chance to join IT Department at Intel. People at Intel are awesome. They helped me get involved in many activities, teach me how to work effectively and have work-life balance. ACWES generously supports me to grow up and be stronger. I sincerely appreciate all those things!”*

Ms. Uyen Ho, Corporate Affairs Director of Intel Products Vietnam shared: *“The scholarship is a visible sign of Intel’s commitment to promote diversity in Vietnam high tech industry. We have committed to support Vietnam students, in particular female students. We are happy to see the success of the program over the past five years and we hope that many more companies will join us in this program to support Vietnam female technical students”*.

Mr. Herb Cochran, Executive Director of AmCham Vietnam, said: *“Since the beginning to ACWES establishment, AmCham believes that women play an important role in science and engineering. Madame Marie Curie is always promoted as a vivid example, she astonished the whole world when winning double Nobel Prizes for Physics (1903) and Chemistry (1911). In modern times, women have proved themselves to be the indispensable resources for science and engineering. The journey of seeking and encouraging talented women to participate in high-tech fields will mark more five-year milestones in the future .”*

INFORMATION FOR REPORTERS

AmCham Women in Engineering Scholarship, formerly the AmCham-Intel Female Engineering Scholarship, was founded in 2011. Part of AmCham’s community activities, the Program lays groundwork for encouraging AmCham members operating in production – engineering industry to get involved in the development of high-tech female human resources in Vietnam. Up to date, the Program has awarded 180 scholarships in total to excellent female engineering students with the value of VND1.3 billion. Besides financial aids, the Program offers a chance for the students to explore companies involved in the Program and to learn about a variety of job opportunities at high-tech companies. Further details: <http://www.amchamvietnam.com/30447010>

American Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam (AmCham Vietnam) is an independent association of American and international businesses. With nearly 500 companies, and over 1,000 representatives, our membership of manufacturing, transportation, logistics, hospitality and tourism firms, and specialized services is unified by a common objective to promote trade and investment between Vietnam and the United States. Since 1996, AmCham Vietnam (HCM City) has been a Member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. AmCham Vietnam – HCMC Chapter is also an association member of the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce & Industry – HCMC Branch (VCCI-HCMC), and an association member of the HCM City Union of Business Associations (HUBA). Further information: www.amchamvietnam.com

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Axcela VietNam uses a unique blended learning methodology that integrates individual listening and speaking practice on our courseware and classroom learning. Students learn grammar structures and pronunciation through carefully sequenced repetition on the courseware, and then in class they use their English in specially designed activities, supervised by our experienced native English speaking teachers. Our approach to English learning is systematic, so students know how to practice. The courseware we use has a sophisticated learning management system which we use to monitor students' practice technique and fluency progress. Students achieve true mastery of English first through practice and repetition on the courseware and then through personalization and use in class. We are confident that Axcela offers the most effective way for Vietnamese to learn English. Further information: www.axcelvietnam.com

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