



## Intel Vietnam Study Abroad Program: 2009-2011 Academic Years at Portland State University

### Supplemental Frequently Asked Questions

#### **S-Q 1. The materials state that the program is open to Third-Year students. Can Fourth-Year students apply?**

Fourth-year students may apply as long as they agree to complete two additional academic years of study—that is, Junior and Senior Years—at Portland State University (PSU) as part of the program. Fourth-Year students must also meet all other stated criteria:

You must be a full-time Vietnamese Engineering student in one of these universities and degree programs:

1. **Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology:** Electrical & Electronics Engineering and Mechanical Engineering Programs
2. **Ho Chi Minh City University of Natural Sciences:** Electronics & Telecommunications Program
3. **Ho Chi Minh City University of Technical Education:** Electrical and Electronics and Mechanical Engineering Programs
4. **Ho Chi Minh International University, VNU HCM:** Electronics & Telecommunications Program
5. **Da Nang University of Technology:** Electronics & Telecommunications and Mechanical Engineering Programs
6. **Ha Noi University of Technology:** Electrical, Electronics & Telecommunications and Mechanical Engineering Programs

You must also be in the Third or Fourth Year with excellent standing:

- Currently in Third or Fourth Year.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 7.0 (out of 10) (Note: we will accept applications from students with slightly less than 7.0 GPA)
- Have strong English language skills. (Program applicants will be required to demonstrate English language proficiency through scores on either TOEFL or IELTS. PSU will deliver an institutional TOEFL examination to program applicants in Vietnam, in February 2009.)
- No prior employment commitments and not a current employee of any company (which could prevent you from working at Intel in 2011).
- Desire and commitment to work for Intel in Vietnam upon graduation.
- Strong behavioural skills in teamwork, problem solving, communication, leadership, initiative, active in community and extra-curricular activities.

#### **S-Q2. What if I am pursuing a Chemistry degree instead of one of the aforementioned Engineering degrees?**

The program is limited to the Engineering degrees stated in our eligibility requirements. The reason we are limiting the program to these degrees is twofold. First, Intel Vietnam hires predominantly recent college graduates with these two degrees, as Electrical and Mechanical Engineering are core to our manufacturing process and methodology. Second, even though Intel Vietnam does occasionally hire from other degrees,

such as Chemistry or Chemical Engineering, it would be challenging in this first year of the Intel Study Abroad Program to include degree types outside of the core. We have elected to simplify what is already a complex program, but perhaps after this first year we can consider other related degrees. Also, upon completion of your degree, we would encourage you to apply for any jobs within Intel Vietnam for which you meet the qualifications.

**S-Q3. What if I am pursuing a Computer Science or any other IT-related degree?**

We can not include CS or any other IT-related degrees at this time. Again, Intel Vietnam hires predominantly recent college graduates with Electrical and Mechanical Engineering degrees, as both areas are core to our manufacturing process and methodology. However, upon completion of your degree, we would encourage you to apply for any jobs within Intel Vietnam for which you meet the qualifications.

**S-Q4. If a student from a degree program other than those stated in the eligibility requirements were able to pass the Engineering technical knowledge test, could he or she change his degree and get into the program?**

Even if a student from a different discipline could pass the Engineering technical knowledge test and change his or her degree after the fact, that student could *not* be admitted into the program. The reason is that the student's current academic courses (up to the end of the Third or Fourth Year) must fully articulate into PSU's academic program for an entering Junior. In other words, courses that do not fulfil the academic requirements for entering Juniors in Engineering at PSU will not count, and the student will not meet the university's Admissions requirements. We have established the eligibility criteria such that they fulfil the Admissions requirements of PSU for the School of Engineering.

**S-Q5. Is there a charge for any of the tests associated with the application and/or screening process?**

There will be no charge to the students for taking application and screening tests. Intel Vietnam (and/or PSU) will absorb testing costs and fees.

**S-Q6. What is the format of the PSU institutional TOEFL?**

The PSU institutional TOEFL test is a standard paper TOEFL test. The word "institutional" signifies that this test is delivered for and by an institution. Other than having that designation, the format is no different than the standard paper TOEFL.

**S-Q7. Will the TOEFL test focus more on Reading or Writing?**

The TOEFL test will focus on both Reading Comprehension and Writing, and at this point we can not say that one area will have greater emphasis than the other.

**S-Q8. In the Round Two Qualifying tests, what kinds of questions will be included in the Engineering technical knowledge test?**

The PSU faculty recently spent time with the faculty from each of the Vietnam partner universities to understand how far along in their studies students are expected to be. The Engineering technical knowledge test will capture the expectations faculty have of the students based on their current level of

instruction. Also, the test will assess student ability to solve problems and apply theoretical knowledge, more so than it will assess student ability to memorize and recite theory.

While we can not provide more specifics at this time, we would like to stress that the tests will be as fair as possible and that they will be based on current level of instruction and current expectations for the applicants.

**S-Q9. Will the Engineering technical knowledge test include questions that are based on early studies and/or technologies that Vietnamese students may not have access to in their curricula?**

We are doing as much as possible to ensure that the Engineering technical knowledge test reflects the actual instruction that the students have received. Our goal is to assess the students at their current levels. Early studies will likely only be included insofar as Third Year instruction has built upon earlier instruction.

Again, while we can not provide more specifics at this time, we would like to stress that the tests will be as fair as possible and that they will be reflect the reality of the current Vietnamese university instruction.

**S-Q10. Will the Engineering technical knowledge test be different for Electrical and Mechanical Engineering students?**

Yes, the Engineering technical knowledge test will include some different questions for Electrical and Mechanical areas, although the tests will also have some of the same questions, since there is a core of knowledge common to both.

**S-Q11. How many applicants will be accepted into Rounds Two and Three?**

We have not set quotas or limitations as to the number of applicants accepted into either Round Two or Three. All applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be invited to Round Two, and all applicants who make it through the qualifying tests for Engineering technical knowledge and English will be invited into Round Three.

**S-Q12. Since results will be announced on March 27, 2009, can students who get into the program drop out of their Vietnamese studies at that time?**

No. Absolutely not. Students must fulfil their entire academic year in Vietnam in order to ensure that they are both adequately prepared for the PSU academic curriculum and that their local courses articulate into PSU's academic program. If students drop out before the current academic year is completed, they will not be admitted into the program.