

INSIGHTS INTO VINFUTURE PRIZE

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Preface

Warmest greetings from the VinFuture Foundation, Vietnam!

It is our great pleasure to learn about your scientific career, reputation and contributions. We are honored to invite you to become an Official Nominator for the "2021 VinFuture Prize", as the Foundation would benefit tremendously from your expertise.

As you know, VinFuture is a newly established global sci-tech prize from Vietnam. Since we launched our Call for Nominations early February this year, we are pleased to receive positive responses from the science and technology community from around the world.

We would like to present to you the First Edition of the VinFuture Prize Newsletter. Hopefully, this newsletter, along with other communication channels, will give you some insights about the Foundation and enable us to stay in touch with each other.

If you are willing to accept our invitation to become an Official Nominator for the "2021 VinFuture Prize," please click on this <u>LINK</u> at your earliest convenience. Once your information has been registered in our database, the Prize Secretariat will send you a confirmation email.

Sincerely,

Dr. Le Mai Lan, Designated Representative of VinFuture Prize Foundation & the VinFuture Prize Team

Insights from the Prize Council & Pre-screening Committee



"We need cooperation on a global scale to tackle the global challenges we now face, such as infectious diseases, public health and climate change. For these, we now recognize that science and technology must deliver benefit to all peoples and all nations. The VinFuture prizes will recognize those whose brilliant science or engineering can have positive impact on the lives of millions of people across the planet."

Prof. Sir Richard Henry Friend - Chair of the VinFuture Prize Council



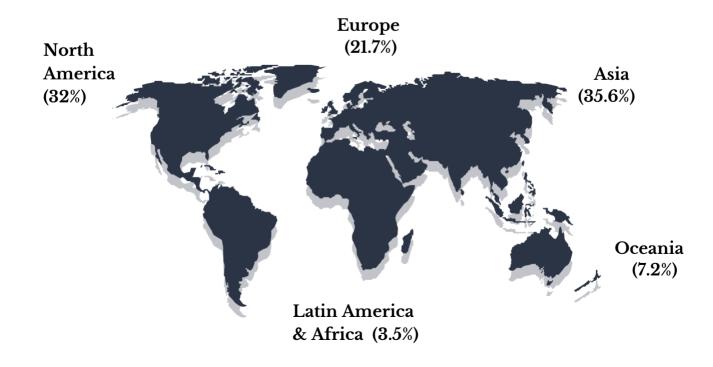
"First and foremost, the VinFuture Prize is the recognition of great minds that promote the advancements of humanity and their work will continue to enhance the life quality of people worldwide."

Prof. Thục-Quyên Nguyễn, Co-Chair of Pre-screening Committee

Updates from VinFuture Prize

VinFuture has reached out to prominent scientists, professors and recognized institutions and organizations around the world to invite them to identify the most deserving nominees for the Prizes.

As of April 2021, representatives, professors and researchers from around 300 institutions from 36 countries around the world have accepted our invitation to become the official nominators for the Prize. We would like to share with you the demographic information about the nominators as below.



International Media Recognition

The VinFuture Prize has been featured in several prominent news platforms around the world, including

<u>Nature</u> <u>Technode</u> <u>AP News</u>

<u>Yahoo News</u> <u>India Education Diary</u> <u>Eleven Myanmar</u> <u>Taiwan News</u> and <u>Vietnam Insider</u>.

*Please click on the news link to read the respective article.



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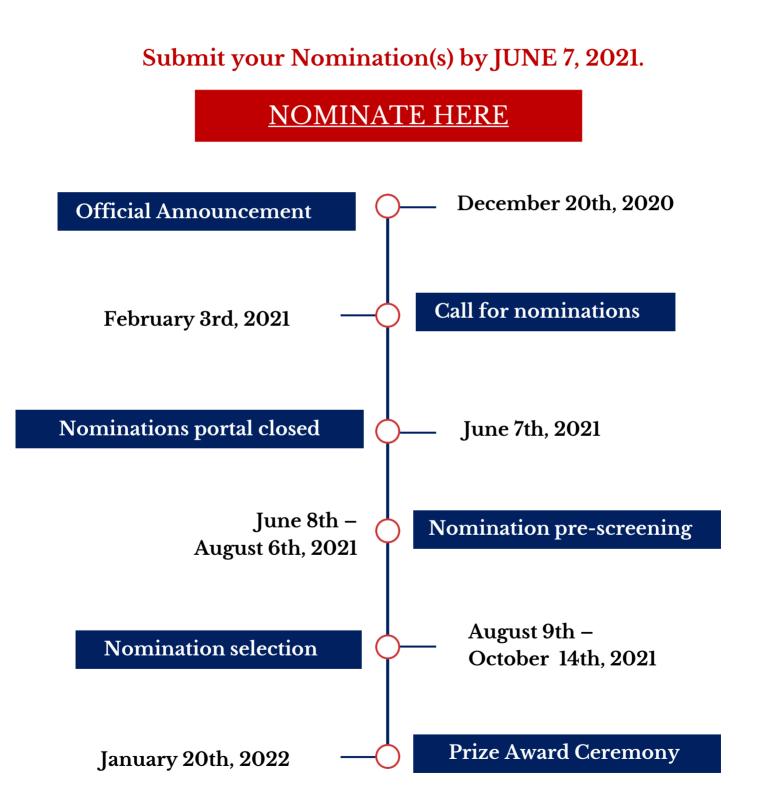
VinFuture Prize pledges US\$ 4.5M annually to reward breakthrough scientific research and technological innovations

On International Solidarity Day, VinFuture Foundation officially launches The VinFuture Prize, the first global science and technology prize from Viet Nam, and one of the world's largest annual prizes in science and technology.

Timeline for 2021 VinFuture Prize

The administration cycle of the 2021 VinFuture Prize lasts 13 months, starting from the announcement date of December 20th, 2020 to January 20th, 2022.

Laureates will officially be announced on December 20th, 2021 and the Prize Ceremony in Vietnam will take place on January 20th, 2022.



VinFuture Prize - Webinar Series

In order to serve you better in your nomination submission process, we are organizing a series of webinars to provide you with more detailed information about the Prize, as well as to directly answer the questions you might have with regard to the 2021 VinFuture Prize and to the Foundation.

You are cordially invited to attend the VinFuture Prize Webinar Series with the time as below. Please sign up for your preferred webinar session(s) at the following time slots:



Session 1: Friday, April 2nd, 2021 at 9 PM Vietnam time UTC+7 (10 AM EDT - New York, 3 PM UTC+1 - London) Register <u>here</u>.



Session 2: Friday, April 16th, 2021 at 9 PM Vietnam time UTC+7 (10 AM EDT - New York, 3 PM UTC+1 - London) Register <u>here</u>.



Session 3: Friday, May 7th, 2021 at 9 PM Vietnam time UTC+7 (10 AM EDT - New York, 3 PM UTC+1 - London) Register <u>here</u>.

Session 4: Friday, May 21st, 2021 at 9 PM Vietnam time UTC+7 (10 AM EDT - New York, 3 PM UTC+1 - London) Register <u>here</u>.



Sharing from people in Vietnam & around the world

VinFuture Prize interviewed ordinary people from all walks of life, both in Vietnam and other countries around the world, to get their perspective about the Prize. We would like to share with you some of their thoughts:

> "Living in a country where poor air quality negatively affects the health of our family and my students, I always wish there were a feasible solution that would address this issue.

> VinFuture Prize gives me the hope that someone, somewhere with a brilliant mind would be spotted and rewarded to bring forward and materialize their ideas that solve air pollution problems in Vietnam and other countries so that my students and my kids can grow up in a safe environment without any fear for our health."

Dinh Thi Tu | Primary School Teacher | Hanoi, Vietnam

"I am impressed that this prestigious and generous Prize is originated in Vietnam, one of the developing countries. VinFuture Prize brings a sense of pride to Vietnam in terms of its proactive contribution in recognizing talents and rewarding worthy ideas that have had or will potentially have a significant impact in making the world a better place."

Shaun King | British Expat | Suzhou, China

"Every year, heavy flooding in Vietnam and Asia destroys many lives. It is a devastating sight and heartbreaking experience. My humble wish and hope are that VinFuture Prize would be able to find individuals or teams who can come up with innovative technologies that can regulate the way flood water flows, eventually turn the strength of water currents into useful energy."

Nguyen Long | Engineer | Mekong Delta

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