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### Study Visit Abroad in Covid-19 pandemic – more concern less result

The writer received BPSA scholarship for study trip to her home country – Vietnam, to conduct field visiting and direct interviews as data collecting for her master thesis - a research of social impact start-up sector in Vietnam.

Like most of other activities, the study trip has been negatively affected by the Covid-19 pandemic in terms of time and finance plan.

The writer supposed to complete the field research in early of 2020, however, the pandemic delayed her trip back to Vietnam until the middle of March. Moreover, many sample companies refused to meet as arranged and she had to change samples, restarted the contacting. As a result, the size of

sample could not be reached. These change and deficiency reduce the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the thesis.

An one-month trip has turned into four-month with extra fees and less result. All international flights from and to Vietnam have been suspended, domestic flights and transportation like train or bus were also canceled at the right period that the writer needed to travel. Even it is more dangerous, she must use the alternative transport method to travel – her motor scooter.



Visiting to Abavina – an agriculture startup in Mekong delta



Interviewing CEO of Vulcan Augmetics – a prosthetic producer

Despite all the obstacles, the field visit is still an opportunity to obtain most practical experiences for the investigation. Accordingly, for those students who cannot afford a field trip, you should consider a scholarship and submit the application as soon as possible to have enough time for adjustment. Furthermore, ensure having a strong enough argument to obtain the best scholarship for better budget and experiences.

The writer is grateful for what she received from Stube and would hope to share her experiences with other students through Stube's media channels.

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- Country of study trip: Vietnam
- Period: March – July 2020