Hanoi, Vietnam
Environmental Science & Sustainable Development

Sponsored Research Opportunities
Fall 2018
In the COSA and IDS Graduate Programs, you will engage in Sponsored Advocacy Research project in your first semester abroad as a required component of the program. Continuing your research, you will either do primary or secondary research (or both) in support of your Culminating Project or Thesis work in your 2nd and 3rd terms. If you choose to engage in primary research, your Academic Advisor (as well as faculty and other staff) and the structure of the IPSL Advocacy Research Program will support you in this process.

Your research will be officially reviewed by the IPSL International Institutional Review Board (IRB) and that makes it eligible for publishing and presentation at professional conferences. During the Pre-Departure Residency in Portland, there will be an Advocacy Research Orientation and the IPSL research support person will assist you throughout the program.

**Program Director & LARL* (Local Advocacy Research Liaison)**

Mr. Don Tuan Phuong

Mr. Phuong has worked for several international NGOs and founded Volunteers for Peace Vietnam in 2005 with the mission to promote international volunteer exchange. He also founded the Center for Sustainable Development Studies (CSDS) which supports disadvantaged communities and offers opportunities for youth engagement and service learning.

He has visited almost 40 different countries and he likes meeting people from different backgrounds.

*LARLs, usually the on-site program director and a native of the country, provide in-country logistical support to research students including critical access to local populations and organizations, interpreting and translation services and ethical, cultural, legal, and policy information. They actively guide students to help shape a research project in a way that is ethical and feasible given the time frame and the resources available.*
Sponsored Research Projects

This research project is sponsored by our partner, CSDS (Center for Sustainable Development Studies) in Hanoi. The mission is to empower and support youth by providing them the skills and opportunities they need in order to become agents of sustainable change and development in their communities.

Projects include:
Youth leadership training in the areas of English language development, gender discussions and civic engagement. Education support in schools and centers for children with disabilities; University scholarships for disadvantaged rural youth and rural school building. NGO support in the areas of research and development.
The following will be your first semester project

Protocol: Center for Sustainable Development Community English Teaching Program

Research Title: Center for Sustainable Development Studies (CSDS) Community English Teaching Program Quality Improvement Study

Research Question:
What are the current components of the CSDS Community English Language program and what educational tools and support programs can be developed to improve the outcomes of the program?

Objective:
To collect data about the current methods of ESL teaching techniques and the effectiveness (or lack) of these methods.

Instrument:
Observation, Focus Groups, Interviews and Surveys