



“ At INTO UAB, I’m taught how to adjust to my new environment and improve my English proficiency. I’ve also learned about new cultures. As a member of the biotechnology program, I can do scientific research, work in modern labs, and learn how to deal with industry and commercialization ”

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Vietnam

From Obstetrician to Aspiring Scientist: The journey in biotechnology at UAB

“I spent six years at medical school in Vietnam, training to be a doctor. After graduating, I worked as an obstetrician in the Department of Surgery and Obstetrics in Vietnam. Currently, I am pursuing a master’s degree in biotechnology at UAB with the goal of becoming a scientist. I am working as a student assistant in the laboratory of Dr. Sun, who received his PhD in Neuroscience. My goal is to gain as much experience as I can in his lab. My work focuses on *C. elegans*, and I perform extensive genetic, microscopic, and behavioral experiments. I aim to maintain my good academic performance to apply for a PhD program.”

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Are you an educational agent?



Are you an international student?



Spent six years in medical school in Vietnam



Worked as an obstetrician in Vietnam



Enrolled in the Graduate Pathway in Biotechnology at UAB



Awarded a \$3,000 scholarship



Progressed to MS in Biotechnology at UAB



Achieved a GPA of 3.83 for the last two semesters



Currently working as a student assistant in the Department of Cell, Developmental and Integrative Biology with a focus on *C. elegans*



Set to graduate in December 2024



Aspires to become a scientist specializing in biotechnology