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**Pham Thi
Bich Ngoc**

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Background

Pham Thi Bich Ngoc has spent most of her 30-year career in the Office of the National Assembly of Vietnam, where she has made a significant contribution to foreign trade through various senior roles, from significantly strengthening the National Assembly's capacity through international education to fostering collaboration and interaction at home and across borders.

Ngoc holds bachelor's degrees in Economic Law and Foreign Languages (English) as well as a Master of International Law from UTS, which she completed with honours in 2004. She commenced her master's journey in Sydney with UTS College (formerly UTS Insearch), where she spent 10 weeks honing her English language and academic English skills.

As Director General for the Department of Protocol and International Co-operation, Ngoc developed an internship program that allowed foreign post-graduate students to attend the Legislative Studies Institute of Vietnam Parliament – a first for the Institute.

In 2017, Ngoc became Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Vietnam to Sri Lanka and the Maldives – making her one of the youngest non-career female diplomats ever appointed to such a position.

Here, she secured several vital industry partnerships with Sri Lanka and provided significant aid to the Maldives during the height of the COVID pandemic.

Today, as Deputy General Director of the Party and Union Affairs, she hopes to continue helping young people in her office gain new knowledge and perspectives and apply these in supporting Vietnam and its people.

Find out more about Ngoc on [LinkedIn](#)

Award

The 2024 UTS International Alumni Award.

About the awards

The outstanding recipients of the UTS Alumni Awards come from a diverse range of professional backgrounds and demonstrate the immense talent that exists within the UTS alumni community. They all share UTS core values – a commitment to excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship, and social justice.

These inspiring graduates epitomise the immense depth of talent within the UTS alumni community – high achievers who are professionally distinguished in their fields and driven by a desire to create a lasting impact in the world.

The UTS International Alumni Award, sponsored by UTS College, recognises outstanding achievements by a graduate enrolled as an international student while attending UTS. In 2024, that special award winner, and UTS College graduate, was Pham Thi Bich Ngoc.

Videos

Video interview: Pham Thi Bich Ngoc speaks to Associate Professor International Law, Grace Li, Faculty of Law, UTS



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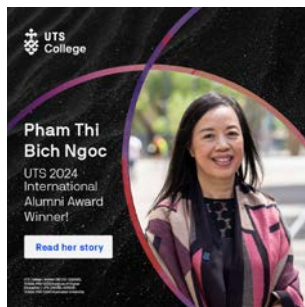
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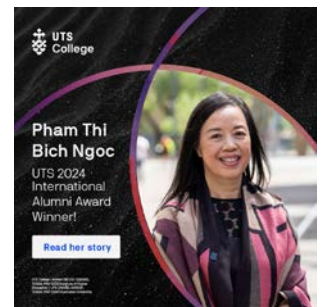
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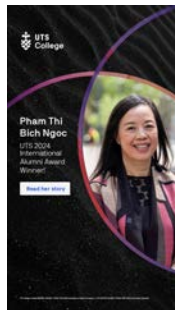
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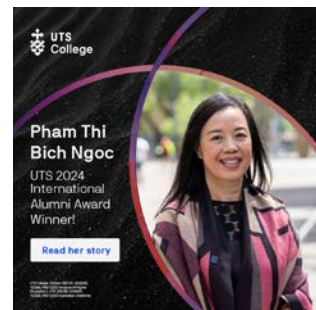
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Add a link to the [written web article](#), video interview or social media videos on the banners and tiles when you post to your social media channels.

Press release

Diplomat and peace advocate wins UTS International Alumni Award

Ambassador Pham Thi Bich Ngoc recognised for outstanding achievements.

The 2024 UTS International Alumni Award, proudly sponsored by UTS College, was awarded this year to Pham Thi Bich Ngoc, Deputy General Director of the Party and Union Affairs, at the Office of the National Assembly of Vietnam. The award, presented at the 2024 Alumni Awards Gala Dinner in the Great Hall at UTS, Sydney, Australia, celebrates Ngoc's outstanding achievements as a member of the global community of UTS graduates.

Reflecting the core values of UTS

Ngoc's many achievements reflect the UTS core values of excellence, innovation, entrepreneurship, and social justice. These values have seen her rise to the position of Ambassador promoting trade, and as Director General of the Department of Protocol and International Co-operation, at the Office of the National Assembly of Vietnam.

Helping young professionals

To help young people in the Office gain new knowledge and perspectives, Ngoc facilitated the enrolment of selected Vietnamese MPs and other staff in Australian universities (including UTS). She has also instituted an internship for UTS Law Faculty postgrad students in the Legislative Studies Institute of the Vietnam Parliament. She says:

"I'm committed to supporting and helping young professionals to pursue their higher education and their capacity that can help to develop their career and contribute to the society. I've focused on those goals all my career."

UTS, a turning point in her career

Ngoc graduated from UTS with a master's degree majoring in international law, after completing English language studies at UTS College. She says while her master's degree deepened her legal knowledge, the language skills acquired at UTS College were also a strong influence on her career:

"When I was back in Vietnam, my English language knowledge helped me serve our government in terms of international cooperation, connect with foreign partners and to support our young professionals to have the chance to study overseas."

The importance of empowering others

Morwenna Shahani, Chief Executive Officer at UTS College, says the College is delighted to sponsor this award:

"We extend our warmest congratulations to Ngoc on her remarkable achievements. Like her, the College believes in the importance of empowering others, and we share her deep commitment to helping young people to pursue their academic and career goals. I'm delighted to see our values in action as our alumni make their mark on the world."

Dr Grace Li, Associate Dean, Faculty of Law at UTS, also congratulates Ngoc on her many accomplishments:

"In nearly three decades of her career in Vietnam, Ambassador Pham has made important and impactful contributions to her profession, the community and industry. She has earned an enviable reputation as a person of high integrity – exceptionally dedicated, and highly resourceful in her dealings with officials at the highest level, and with international development partners and peers in diplomatic circles."

About UTS and UTS College

The University of Technology Sydney is a dynamic and innovative university, ranked 88th in the world in the 2025 QS World University rankings, reflecting its strength in research, teaching, employability, sustainability, and internationalisation.

Students often begin their UTS experience with UTS College, the pathway to UTS, which offers Academic English programs, UTS Foundation Studies, and Higher Education Diplomas (Animation Production, Business, Communications, Design & Architecture, Engineering, IT and Science). For course details, visit utscollege.edu.au.

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Web profile

You can read Ngoc's interview with UTS College on our website [here](#).

Newsletter content

UTS International Alumni Award winner announced!

Pham Thi Bich Ngoc, a distinguished UTS alumna, has been honoured with the 2024 UTS International Alumni Award, sponsored by UTS College. Her journey from a small town near Hanoi to becoming a high-profile diplomat is truly inspiring.

Pham's path to success began with encouragement from a neighbour, leading her to study law in Vietnam. She then enrolled in the Academic English pathway at UTS College leading to a Master of Laws at UTS. This experience not only prepared her for academic success but also opened doors for her future career in international cooperation.

Now the Deputy General Director of the Party and Union Affairs, Pham is dedicated to mentoring young professionals. Among her many accomplishments, she became one of the youngest non-career female diplomats ever to become Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Vietnam to Sri Lanka and the Maldives.

Congratulations to Pham on this well-deserved recognition! [Read more](#).

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