

To: Prof. Nguyen Anh Thi, President, Board of Management of Saigon Hi-tech Park

Re: Welcome Letter to the Official Institutional Nominator of VinFuture Prize 2021

April 29th, 2021

Dear Prof. Nguyen Anh Thi,

Warmest greetings from the VinFuture Prize Foundation, Vietnam!

On behalf of the VinFuture Prize Foundation, I would like to welcome you to the VinFuture Prize 2021. Thank you for your acceptance to become an Official Institutional Nominator for the "2021 VinFuture Prize," a newly established global science and technology prize originating from Vietnam.

The VinFuture Prize is set up to honor breakthrough scientific research and technological innovations that create meaningful change in the everyday lives of millions of people.

The VinFuture Prize comprises a Grand Prize of US\$ 3 million, awarded annually for breakthrough research and technological innovations that improve the quality of human life, and create a more equitable and sustainable world for future generations. The Grand Prize would be open to all, regardless of the candidate's nationality, age, gender, social status, or economic background. Three additional Special Prizes of US\$ 500,000 each with a focus on promoting diversity, equity, and new fields of study will also be awarded annually to Innovator(s) from Developing Country(ies), Female Innovator(s) and Innovator(s) with Outstanding Achievements in Emerging Fields. For more information about the VinFuture Prize, please visit the website: www.vinfutureprize.org

As an Official Institutional Nominator of VinFuture Prize, you will play an important role in identifying and nominating exceptional researchers and inventors in science, engineering, technology, or multi-disciplinary approaches to the four Prizes. We know you have a very busy schedule, and it means a lot to us to have your support in this impactful journey.

We greatly appreciate your commitment and contribution and look forward to receiving your valuable nominations by June 7, 2021 via this Online Nomination Form: <https://online.vinfutureprize.org/nomination>

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact the Prize Secretariat at: secretariat@vinfutureprize.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard Friend'.

Professor Sir Richard Henry Friend, FRS

Chair of the VinFuture Prize Council

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