



Tentative Agenda

**Vietnamese Scientists and Engineers Network in the U.S.
VEF and Friends 2019 Annual Meeting: Connecting the Dots**

August 2-4, 2019

Location: University of Chicago

Date	Time	Event
Friday, August 2		Morning Sport and/or Other Team-building Activities (to be updated later)
	1:00 to 2:30 pm	Registration
	2:30 to 5:00 pm	Session for Graduate Students: - Experience sharing: How to survive and thrive the long journey to getting a Ph.D. - How to build your network - How to find great internship and post-doc/industry positions
	5:00 to 6:30 pm	Social and Networking Hour <i>Casual Networking</i>
	7:00 to 9:30 pm	Opening Reception and Welcome Dinner Remarks from Dignitaries
Saturday, August 3		
	7:00 to 8:20 am	Breakfast
	8:25 am	Welcomes and Introductions
	8:30 am	Keynote Speaker: <i>Frank Jao (Bridgecreek Development and Former Chairman of VEF Board of Directors) (TBC)</i>
	9:00 am	Research/Academia Track: Journeys to Success in Academia and Research in the U.S. Moderator: Hai Phan, Assistant Professor, NJ Institute of Technology Panelists:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SonBinh Nguyen, Professor, Northwestern University - Tam Vu, Assistant Professor, University of Colorado at Boulder - Thanh Nguyen, Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut (TBC)
	10:30 am	Break
	10:45 am	<p>Research/Academia Track: Academia and Research Career Opportunities in Vietnam in the Next Five Years <i>Representatives from leading academia and research institutions in Vietnam:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FPT Technology Research Institute - Quang Trung Software City - Minh Phu Seafood Corporation - Vietnam National University (VNU) Hanoi or HCMC (TBC)
	12:00 to 1:30 pm	Lunch
	1:30 to 3:00 pm	<p>Entrepreneurship/Start-Up Track: How to Succeed at a Career in the Industry <i>Outstanding VEF Alumni and Vietnamese-Americans at big corporations</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frank Jao, Bridgecreek Development (TBC) - Duc Le, Bloomberg - Binh Tran, 500 Startups
	3:00 to 4:30 pm	<p>Entrepreneurship/Start-Up Track: Start-Up sharing <i>Start-ups by VEF Alumni and Vietnamese-Americans</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ha Nguyen, HOMA Technologies - Son Pham, Bio Turing (TBC) - Thuc Vu, Ohmni Lab (TBC)
	4:30 to 5:00 pm	Closing Session: Re-cap and Announcement of Next Year's Plan
	7:30 to late night	VEFFA Idol v Talent Show for VEF and VEF 2.0 Fellows and Scholars
Sunday, August 4		
	Morning	Optional Professional Workshop or Additional Sightseeing and Departure