RMIT International University Vietnam is extending its Work Integrated Learning (WIL) program to Northern Vietnam and is currently seeking interested partner organisations in the Hanoi area to take part in their 2011 WIL projects.

RMIT Vietnam is the Asian hub of RMIT University, headquartered in Melbourne, Australia. RMIT University has made a strategic commitment to develop as a "twin hub" university, with its Vietnam campuses linking Melbourne, Australia strongly to the Asian region. In line with this long term commitment, RMIT Vietnam is increasingly developing more diverse academic programs, regionally based research projects, new business and government partnerships, and growing numbers of students and academics moving between RMIT Vietnam and campuses elsewhere in the region.

The WIL projects bring together students from RMIT Melbourne and RMIT Ha Noi campuses from a wide variety of disciplines to work on community based projects. In the past our projects have involved students from a range of Business areas, Social Sciences, Medical and Health Sciences, Engineering, Industrial Design, Nursing, Architecture and Applied Communication.

The projects are developed based on the needs of our project partners. Please consider if there are some projects that may be on your organisations' "to do" or "wish" list that may be completed by committed students, under the guidance and consultation of academics and industry partners to ensure quality. The teams are hosted and conduct their project work at RMIT University Ha Noi campus.

The WIL projects have been in operation in both Ho Chi Minh City and Da Nang City for over 2 years. Projects in the past have included such things as:

- Designing a new playground for a Children's Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City;
- Re-designing the parent information brochures for a Children's Hospital;
- Assisting an Orphanage turn its water-bottling plant into an income generating enterprise;
- Undertaking a feasibility study for packaged water in Ho Chi Minh City.

The ongoing project in Da Nang is in partnership with the Da Nang Paediatric Department at the New Women's and Children's Hospital has:

- Provided recommendations for managing the current overcrowding of the Department. The first team made recommendations on improving infection control, occupational health and safety measures, and a range of simple strategies to improve the operation of the wards.
- The second team of students assisted the Paediatric Department in creating designs for a new Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and High Dependency Unit, for their New Women and Children's Hospital, under construction in Da Nang. The Da Nang Health Department has approved these plans and the NICU and HDU now under construction.

Plans in Da Nang Paediatric Department for 2010 include:

- Undertaking a post-occupancy analysis of department co-location in the new hospital;
- Evaluating the environmental impact on the hospital and the management of the environment by air-conditioning, fans, and external protection;

- Determining infection control strategies.
- The projected timeline for the Hanoi program is approximately:
- June/July 2010 - identify projects and begin to create outcomes and achievables.
- August 2010- student teams finalized
- September 2010 - Team Leaders appointed and contact with partners.
- October –December 2010- preliminary workshops and research
- 9-23 February 2011, 26 June 2011 - 10 July 2011: all WIL participants in country and work intensely on projects, having consultations, industry input and final presentations to clients, includes one-day site visit to partner organisation.

Please consider if your organisation has planned projects that you think would benefit from RMIT student input, in a one-off or longer term project. If you would like more information or details about the upcoming program in Hanoi, please contact [gareth.ohara@rmit.edu.vn](mailto:gareth.ohara@rmit.edu.vn).

For general information about WIL at RMIT, please visit [http://www.rmit.edu.au/wilvietnam](http://www.rmit.edu.au/wilvietnam) , and for the WIL project in Da Nang see [http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=dg8ketwej8ajz](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=dg8ketwej8ajz).