

About Vriens & Partners

Vriens & Partners is the leading government affairs and political risk consulting firm in Southeast Asia. We are headquartered in Singapore, with offices in Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Cambodia. We employ over 100 staff and 30 senior advisors and offer our consultants a challenging and dynamic working environment and exposure to multiple sectors, in a growing advisory firm. Our clients are multinationals, business associations, and non-governmental organizations.

The Vriens & Partners Undergraduate and Graduate Fellowships

The Vriens & Partners Fellowship program is a year-long opportunity to work with and contribute to our teams in a selected country office in Southeast Asia. The program is open to undergraduate and graduates degree holders from select institutions with demonstrated interest and experience in Southeast Asian political, commercial and economic issues. During the program, Fellows will gain first-hand experience at the frontlines of corporate government affairs in Southeast Asia, working with experienced V&P consultants and government relations practitioners and clients. Responsibilities will differ for undergraduate Fellows and Graduate Fellows:

Fellow

- Carry out desk and primary research for clients on a wide variety of political and economic issues, as well as identify industry and sectoral-specific challenges
- Conduct ground research through engagement with government agencies and relevant stakeholders
- Draft and prepare analytical reports, meeting notes, memos
- Support business development activities and contribute to the growth of the office and the firm as a whole
- Liaise and coordinate with V&P's other offices on regional client work, business development and other firm development initiatives

Graduate Fellow

- The above activities, as well as:
- Prepare proposals and client presentations as part of business development work
- Meet with clients to understand their background and requirements
- Support and represent V&P at meetings and workshops

We expect the candidate to be a **foreign policy analyst**, with a proven capacity to source information, develop credible and nuanced political and policy analysis, and communicate effectively to a range of internal and external stakeholders. We expect the candidate to be an adept **analytical and strategic thinker**, with well-honed skills in synthesizing complex information, drawing conclusions, and translating them into action.

Qualifications:

- Understanding of and interest in government and financial/economic systems and structures across Southeast Asia
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to handle multiple tasks, and strong attention to detail.
- First rate analytical writing, critical thinking, and sound judgment.
- Academic background in Political Science, Law, Journalism, Economics, International Relations.

Additional Information:

- Locations: Singapore, Jakarta, Bangkok, Hanoi, Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Phnom Penh, Yangon
- Schedule: Monday – Friday (full time) with understanding that weekend/urgent overtime work will be required on a periodic basis.

Interested candidates should send their applications to fellowship@vrienspartners.com and indicate the position being applied for (Fellowship or Graduate Fellowship) in the subject line. Please include a cover letter and resume.
