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Phuong Nam T. Nguyen, who is called Nguyen T. Phuong Nam in the Vietnamese naming order that starts with a last name, a T. standing for the female gender, and a given name, was born in 1979 in Tra Vinh, Mekong Delta, Vietnam. She studied English Language and Literature at the Open University in Ho Chi Minh city (1997-2003). Then she continued her Master's study in English Teaching Pedagogy, University of Canberra, Australia (2003-2004) with a partial grant for young academics from the Vietnam government. She was interested in exploring the problems of foreign language learning from cultural and contextual perspectives. Her Master's thesis is about learning strategies that students from different backgrounds used in their language acquisition. Then Phuong Nam had five years working as a teacher in English Language Department, Tra Vinh University (2003-2008). During the time, she helped students to write foreign language academic essays, read academic texts and fictions, and to do small-scale researches in language learning.

In December 2006, in a conference on educational research methodology in Mekong, Vietnam, she met Professor Gert Rijlaarsdam, Wilfried Admiraal, and Huub van den Bergh. She was given an award for the best research plan from Professeur Rijlaarsdam in the conference. In 2007, she was awarded a grant from Mekong-1000 (Vietnam) and Nuffic (The Netherlands) for doing her PhD study in the University of Amsterdam. In August, 2008, she started the PhD track of the University of Amsterdam, under the supervision of professor Rijlaarsdam and Admiraal. She had carried out three empirical studies on facilitating foreign language academic writing, writing voice, and literary reading of Asian/Vietnamese students. After 28 November 2012 she will come back to Vietnam and work on setting up a Foreign Language Master Training program in Tra Vinh University, a young university founded by the Vietnam government for the development of Tra Vinh, Mekong area, Vietnam.