

Call for applications

TDR Postgraduate Scholarship in Implementation Research Academic Year 2022–2023

Deadline for applications: 30 September 2021

DESCRIPTION

The BRAC James P. Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH) at BRAC University in Dhaka, Bangladesh, is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for the award of TDR Postgraduate Training Scholarships for the one year Master of Public Health (MPH) 2022–2023 Programme, beginning in January 2022. Taught in English, the MPH Programme is a 12-month full-time programme which promotes problem-based experiential learning. To access the Prospectus: [click here](#).

The scholarship is supported by [TDR](#), the UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, hosted by the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Candidates and residents in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) of WHO [South-East Asia](#) and [Western Pacific](#) regions are eligible to apply. [Click here](#) for the list of eligible countries.

The training will focus on courses relevant to a career in implementation research, which is a growing field that supports the identification of health system bottlenecks and approaches to addressing them. It is particularly useful in LMICs, where many health interventions do not reach those who could be benefitting from them. The goal of this scheme is to enhance graduate training capacity and boost the number and quality of researchers in LMICs.

Further information on implementation research is available at: <http://adphealth.org/irtoolkit/>

A limited number of scholarships will be offered to both national and international candidates for the 2022–2023 academic year for the Master of Public Health Programme.

Scholarship recipients will be enrolled as postgraduate students and conduct their Thesis/Summative Learning Project (SLP) on **implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty**, including [Neglected Tropical Diseases](#), TB/HIV, malaria and COVID-19.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

- One return economy airfare between the home country of the student and Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Tuition and academic fees
- Basic medical and accident insurance
- Monthly stipend to cover living expenses, including accommodation equivalent to local cost of living
- Support for Thesis/Summative Learning Project expenses during data collection

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

Candidates must be eligible for both the MPH Programme and TDR Scholarship. Following online application, if the applicant successfully fulfils the requirements of the MPH Programme (the written and oral tests), they will be invited to interview for the TDR Scholarship. Applicants must meet BRAC University post-graduation admission criteria.

Applicants should:

- Meet standard minimum university requirements for international postgraduate students at <https://www.bracu.ac.bd/admissions/postgraduate>
 - Minimum CGPA 3 out of 4 for Bachelor's Degree
 - Minimum GPA of 3 in O-Levels in five subjects and A-Levels in two subjects or equivalent, as per BRAC University scale
 - 2 to 3 years of professional public health experience preferred
 - Proficiency in oral and written English and basic mathematics
 - Basic computer skills, including Microsoft Office and data analysis software
- Have a 4-year Bachelor's degree or 3-year Bachelor plus 1-year Master's/postgraduate diploma degree in medicine, anthropology, social science or public health;
- Be a national of and resident in a low- and middle-income country (as [defined](#) by the World Bank) of either the WHO [South-East Asia](#) or [Western Pacific](#) region;
- Be under 35 years of age at the time of application for the Master's programme;
- Be interested in developing a career in implementation research on infectious diseases of poverty, including neglected tropical diseases;
- Submit a statement of purpose on the reason for pursuing a career in infectious diseases of poverty; and

Priority will be given to applicants with 1 to 2 years' of professional public health experience in infectious diseases of poverty, including neglected tropical diseases, malaria and tuberculosis.

TDR is committed to Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity in science. Applicants are encouraged to apply irrespective of gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religious, cultural and social backgrounds, or (dis)ability status.

APPLYING FOR THE TDR POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME AT BRAC UNIVERSITY

To apply, you must complete the following two steps:

Step 1. Apply for the Master's Programme

Students must submit their online application for the MPH Programme at BRAC JPGSPH at <https://bracjpgsph.org/mph-admission.php> or <https://admissions.bracu.ac.bd/academia/admissionProcess/listAvailablePublishedCircularForAdmission>

Step 2. Complete the TDR postgraduate scholarship [application form](#) and email it to:

humayra.anwar@bracu.ac.bd and mustagfira.esha@bracu.ac.bd

(Only completed forms will be further processed)

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates are required to apply online for both the MPH Programme and TDR scholarship. Once the online application has been successfully completed, it will be reviewed based on MPH programme requirements. If all requirements are met, candidates will be contacted for assessment through a written test and viva-voce. The written test and viva can take place virtually by panel of experts.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the assessment will be done online. Qualifications will be reviewed on the basis of TDR Scholarship requirements. If the candidate successfully fulfils the requirements, they will be invited to participate in a TDR scholarship specific interview carried out by BRAC JPGSPH.

The final approval of this scholarship and placement of students will depend on the situation of COVID-19 in the respective region.

Finally, selected students will be required to confirm acceptance of the offer by submitting a Statement of Undertaking and a Fitness Certificate, as per BRAC University requirements.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt of applications is **30 September 2021**. However, the selection and placement of candidates will depend on the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the regions.

For more information on the scheme at BRAC JPGSPH, please contact:

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