



# James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)

## BRAC University

### Admission to MPH Programme (National)

BRAC University James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) is accepting applications from Bangladeshi nationals for its 8th Master of Public Health (MPH) Programme  
**Beginning in February 2012**

#### Why should you study at JPGSPH (BRAC School of Public Health)?

- A global classroom: Students from all over the world with significant public health experience represent diverse disciplinary and professional backgrounds;
- Teaching students to problem solve: A comprehensive curriculum focused on core public health competencies with emphasis on teamwork and interactive learning;
- Experienced and committed international and national faculty;
- Learning by doing: Direct partnerships with BRAC, BRAC International and icddr,b enrich the lessons in the current state of public health research and practice;
- Location in a developing country provides a social laboratory for public health teaching and learning;
- Emphasis on community-based experiential learning conducted in rural and urban settings;
- Partnerships with other internationally recognized schools of public health in both developed and developing countries enable access to the rich academic resources of the collaborating institutions as well as exposure to innovative and cutting edge global health agendas;
- High quality international MPH programme at comparatively lower cost;
- Extensive national and international partnerships allow for further learning and career development.

#### JPGSPH students

Since its inception, more than two hundred students have graduated from JPGSPH with diverse academic backgrounds in the social sciences and medicine, representing 21 countries in South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa, Australia, North and South Americas, and Europe.

Starting in 2005, our MPH students have had the opportunity to share intellectual insight and create an international network with visiting students from Harvard University and the University of Nagasaki. Over the last three years, a cohort of George Washington University students have been participating in the first semester and jointly studying with our MPH students.

Graduating students have moved on to work for their respective governments, national and international NGOs and with various donor and UN agencies. Additionally, universities and research organizations have also employed a large number of our MPH graduates.



#### Features of the MPH Programme

- The MPH is a 51 credits residential programme which begins early in the year and runs full time for 12 consecutive months. There are vacation breaks (2-3 weeks) interspersed through the programme;
- Multi-disciplinary in design, the programme emphasizes development of the core public health competencies: epidemiology, biostatistics, medical anthropology, qualitative and quantitative and mixed research methods, health systems management, health economics and health care financing, environment and health, health communication, monitoring & evaluation, public health nutrition, demography, sexual and reproductive health, aging and health and noncommunicable diseases;
- Faculty members are from reputed international universities, institutions and research centers such as: BRAC University, icddr,b, BRAC, University of Heidelberg (Germany), Harvard University (USA), Johns Hopkins University (USA), George Washington University (USA), Karolinska Institute (Sweden), London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (UK), and University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands);
- Experiential learning is facilitated through residential programme with access to computer lab and classroom facilities;
- Students receive access to the icddr,b library, one of the largest and most modern in South Asia, with over 50,000 journal titles and 15,000 books.



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## Finances

High quality international programme at lower cost: The MPH programme here is about one-third the cost of similar programmes in North America and in Europe and is cheaper than even similar programmes in developing countries. The School has a generous scholarship programme for students from developing countries to promote global access to the MPH based on need, merit and other selection criteria.

## For Bangladeshi Students

The total cost of our international MPH programme is US \$20,000 which covers tuition fee (international and national faculty), residential fees, logistics, food, local transportation, support for field work activities, course materials and supplies. Bangladeshi students are required to pay a subsidized fee of US \$8,000 (equivalent to BDT 600,000). Beyond the subsidy, scholarships are available based on merit, need and selection criteria. However, candidates who are funded by organizations (e.g. Fulbright Fellowship, Fogarty Fellowships, Gates Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation, etc), UN and other agencies are not eligible for a fee waiver and are required to pay full fees.

## Admission requirements

The admission process includes an application, one reference letter, a statement of interest in public health, individual and group interviews, as well as written and oral tests. Women and candidates with professional experience are strongly encouraged to apply. Specific criteria for interested applicants are as follows:

- Bachelor and/or Masters degree(s) in medicine, nursing, midwifery, health sciences, social sciences or other sciences;
- Excellent academic record with first and second division standing; GPA 3.0 or above (Out of 4.0);
- Proficiency in oral and written English demonstrated by a TOEFL score of 250 on computer-based test/100 on internet-based test or IELTS of 6.5 and basic arithmetic skills is an added advantage;
- Computer literacy including knowledge of Microsoft Office and data analysis skills is preferred;
- Preference given to applicants who have a minimum of one year professional experience in health or other social sector.

Application deadline: **November 20, 2011**. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for a written test and interviews. Application forms may be downloaded from the website: [http://sph.bracu.ac.bd/academics/mph/Application\\_Form\\_MPH.pdf](http://sph.bracu.ac.bd/academics/mph/Application_Form_MPH.pdf) or collected from the BRAC University Admissions Office. National students should submit the completed application form with attached detailed CV, attested photocopies of transcripts & certificates along with 2 copies of recent passport size photographs with a test fee of Tk. 600. Students may download the form from the website and pay the fee during submission of the completed application. Please mention "MPH programme 2012-13" on top of the envelope. Applications should be sent to: Sabina Faiz Rashid, PhD, Coordinator, MPH Programme, & Mrityunjoy Das, Sr. Academic and Administrative Officer, James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, 66 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212 or emailed to: [mph@bracu.ac.bd](mailto:mph@bracu.ac.bd) (PDF format preferred).

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