



James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Admission to the Master in Public Health (MPH) Programme 2010

The James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), BRAC University, is now accepting applications for admission to the 2010 session of its Master in Public Health (MPH) programme. Designed to be innovative, embracing international standards, utilizing state-of-the-art methods and techniques of teaching, learning, and providing opportunities for hands-on field experience, the School offers a unique programme with students and faculty recruited from Bangladesh and abroad. Past students have come from 15 countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia and the Americas.

Calendar: It is a one-year full-time residential programme (January to December 2010).

Partners: Faculty is drawn from other departments of BRAC University, BRAC, ICDDR, B, Schools of Public Health from USA (Columbia, Johns Hopkins, George Washington, Harvard and University of Maryland), the Netherlands (University of Amsterdam), Sweden (Karolinska Institute), the United Kingdom (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), Germany (University of Heidelberg), Japan (Nagasaki University) and India (Sree Chitra Tinural Institute for Medical Science and Technology, Kerala) in addition to JPGSPH's own faculty.

Special features: Multi-disciplinary in design, the programme is anchored in a number of core courses essential for developing fundamental competencies in public health embracing the disciplines of medical anthropology, epidemiology, bio-statistics, qualitative and quantitative research methods, health systems management, health economics and health care financing, and environmental health. It is further strengthened by courses in specific areas of public health practice including control of infectious diseases, public health nutrition, aging and health, health communication, reproductive health, and monitoring and evaluation. The core courses – six months in duration - are held in a residential setting outside the capital city of Dhaka providing students with a rich, challenging and exciting field-work experience in rural Bangladesh.

Finances: For the MPH Programme the tuition fee is US \$12,000. In addition, there is a living cost of \$6,000 that covers accommodation in field and Dhaka campuses, food, local transportation, course materials and supplies. Developing country candidates could be offered full/partial tuition waiver (up to US\$ 12,000) based on merit and financial need. They will, however, be responsible for their living cost (\$6,000), airfare to and from Dhaka and associated expenses, such as visa fee. Candidates are strongly encouraged to seek funding from their own institutions or donor agencies.

Admission requirements: The MPH is designed for individuals who wish to build or further their career in public health or allied areas. To apply for admission one must be a graduate (M.B.B.S or M.D.) from a recognized medical school, or a Bachelor and/or Master's degree from a recognized university in nursing, nutrition, statistics, social and behavioural sciences, or in other health-related disciplines with outstanding academic records and some experience in health related work. Admission is need-blind and highly competitive.

Excellent proficiency in English is a prerequisite. For students whose mother tongue is not English, a TOEFL score of 250 or more on computer-based test, or IELTS of at least 6.5 is required. Computer literacy: Proficiency in using Microsoft Office is essential. Skills in using other statistical software is preferable. At the same time, all candidates must qualify in written and oral interviews.

Women and candidates with field-level working experience in health in low-income countries will be given preference.

For more details visit <http://sph.bracu.ac.bd/academics/mphinfo.htm>

Application form is available at http://sph.bracu.ac.bd/academics/mph/Application_form.doc

International students wishing to apply for this programme are invited to submit their application to mrityunjoy@bracu.ac.bd

Deadline for receiving applications from international students is June 30, 2009.