



# James P Grant School of Public Health

## BRAC University

### Admission to MPH Programme (International)

BRAC University James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) is accepting applications from International students for its 7th Master of Public Health (MPH) Programme.

**Beginning in January 2011.**

#### Why study at JPGSPH?

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 Master of Public Health (MPH) programme with students and faculty recruited from Bangladesh and abroad. Previous and current students are from 19 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia and the Americas.



#### Comparative advantage of our MPH Programme

- Location in a developing country providing a social laboratory for public health teaching and learning;
- Emphasis on community-based experiential learning with the first six months conducted in a rural setting;
- Placement in a development organization (BRAC) with a track record of accomplishment in promoting social goals of poverty alleviation, which bridges the artificial divide between health and development ([www.brac.net](http://www.brac.net));
- Partnership with International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr.b) ([www.icddr.org](http://www.icddr.org));
- Partnership with BRAC International which offers opportunities for learning and career development;
- Partnership with other internationally recognized schools of Public health in both developed and developing countries that enables access to the rich academic resources of the collaborating institutions as well as exposure to the global health agenda.



#### JPGSPH students

JPGSPH has a diverse student body with international and national students each year. In addition to Bangladesh, students are recruited from Asia, Africa, Australia and South America as well as countries from the North (Canada, Germany, Japan and USA). In the last six years, a total of 159 students joined the programme from 19 different countries: Afghanistan, Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Pakistan, Phillipines, Singapore, Tanzania, Uganda and USA. Till fifth batch 136 students have graduated from the school [six batch on going]. Graduated MPH degree holders are now placed in reputed international & national NGOs and donor organizations. Some of them are PhD candidates in different internationally acclaimed universities such as: Columbia University, George Washington University, Harvard University, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, University of Adelaide, University of California-Davis, etc.



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#### Features of the MPH Programme:

- The MPH is a 51 credits programme which runs full time for 12 consecutive months. Usually it starts in the last week of January and runs through the end of January of the following year. There are some vacation breaks (1-2 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 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 non-communicable 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);
- To facilitate experiential learning, the programme is residential, of which the first 6-month semester is spent in the rural setting of BRAC University campus in Savar to learn from communities and villages in the area;
- The second semester is taught at ICDDR, B, Dhaka, where the students receive access to it's several facilities including a library with over 50,000 journal titles and 15,000 books, which is one of the largest and most modern in South Asia, is highly equipped laboratories and study areas.



#### Fees:

The total fee of MPH Programme is US \$ 18,000 which covers tuition fee, accommodation, food, local transportation, course materials and supplies. Developing country candidates are offered a fee waiver (up to US \$ 12,000) based on merit and financial need, but candidates who are funded by organizations (e.g. Fulbright Fellowship, Gates Foundation, Rockefeller Foundation), UN agencies and other agencies are not eligible for a fee waiver. All international students are responsible for their airfare to and from Dhaka, and associated expenses, such as visa fees.

#### Admission requirements:

The MPH programme is particularly suited to individuals who wish to build or further enhance their career in public health or allied areas. Candidates fulfilling the following criteria are eligible to apply:

- A Bachelor's/ Master's degree (at least 16 years of education) in Medicine, Nursing, Health Sciences or any physical, biological or social sciences. Excellent academic records with no third division or with GPA of less than 3.0 (out of 4)
- Basic Arithmetic skills and proficiency in English (written and spoken). A TOEFL score of 250 on computer-based test/100 on internet-based test or IELTS of 6.5 would be an advantage.
- Preferably 1 year of work experience in health / social development sector.
- Computer literacy is essential; skill in using data analysis software will be an advantage.
- The admission process involves a written test and interviews.

Application deadline: **October 10, 2010**. Only short listed 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\\_form2.doc](http://sph.bracu.ac.bd/academics/mph/Application_form2.doc) or collected from BRAC University Admissions Office. Submit the application form with attached detailed CV, attested photocopies of transcripts & certificates along with 2 copies of recent passport size photographs. Please mention "MPH programme 2011-12" 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 email: [sabina@bracu.ac.bd](mailto:sabina@bracu.ac.bd) & [mrityunjoy@bracu.ac.bd](mailto:mrityunjoy@bracu.ac.bd) (PDF format preferred).

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