

Research Assistant (RA)

The BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (BRAC JPGSPH) at BRAC University was established in 2004 as an educational and research institution focusing on the integral areas of teaching, research, and services. The goal of the School is not only to impart knowledge but also to act as a centre of excellence in knowledge creation through research and training that connects with practice. The Centre for Non-communicable Diseases and Nutrition (CNCDN), BRAC JPGSPH, BRAC University, in partnership with the World Bank is implementing a study titled “Establishment of a Nutrition Panel Dataset in Bangladesh” in all 8 divisions of Bangladesh. The objective of this study is to establish a nutrition-focused panel dataset. Hence, we will use the same data collection tool and report on the same indicators following the same methodology as 2018-19. Therefore, we will report on 1) nutrition status of all members of the household, stratified by age and gender, 2) food security, dietary diversity and infant and child feeding practices and nutrition practices during pregnancy and lactation, 3) behavioural and clinical risk factors (high intake of salt, consumption of tobacco products, physical inactivity, hypertension, obesity) among adolescents and adults, 4) water, sanitation, and hygiene practices at the household level. Moreover, using the panel data, we will be able to report on 1) evolution of the above-mentioned nutrition indicators over time, 2) identify factors that contribute to a change in the nutrition status of individuals over time (e.g., time-series analysis using individual or household level fixed effects).

To implement this study, BRAC JPGSPH will recruit **Research Assistants (RAs)** to collect data at the individual and household level of the surveillance sites of Bangladesh. Details are stated below:

Vacant Positions

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Duration of Job

6 months (extendable/transferable to other projects subject to availability of funds and performance).

Job Responsibilities

1. Contribute to data collection tool development, e.g., suggest items, format language, translate, compose and print
2. Collect quantitative data including assist in preparing sample frame, assist in scheduling data collection, implementing the consenting process, collect, enter and upload data from randomly selected participants as per standard operating procedure (SOP)
3. Assist in organizing local events, e.g., community sensitization meetings, weekly staff meetings, etc.
4. Calibrate and maintain equipment and tablet computer
5. Submit travel and other bills as per instruction
6. Attend periodic standardization/refresher training

7. Carry out any other duties related to the research project as requested by the supervisor

Requirement

- Bachelors in any discipline from a reputed university (preferably in Social Science/Life Science/Nutrition/Anthropology)
- Previous experiences in quantitative data collection, anthropometry and blood pressure measurement
- Experience in data collection using the tablet computer
- Good communication and writing skills in Bangla
- Willing to stay and work in rural/urban/slum areas of Bangladesh

Workstation: Surveillance sites located in any parts of Bangladesh.

Salary: 27,000 BDT per month and a lumpsum for housing allowance. Actual local travel costs will be reimbursed.

Commensurate with experience.

Interested candidates are advised to send an application with a complete CV to: cncdn@bracu.ac.bd by **January 22, 2023**

Please mention **Research Assistant (RA)** in the subject line of your email.

Only short-listed candidates will be invited for the interview. All tests and interviews will be held in Dhaka OR via Zoom Online if applicable. BRAC JPGSPH regrets to inform you that it is not liable to reply to all the submitted applications.