

Research Assistant (RA)

Number of vacant positions: 3

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.

Project Overview: This research project, titled "Violence and Trauma faced by the Rohingyas displaced from Myanmar: A Mixed Method Study in Rohingya Refugee camps of Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh," is being implemented by BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), BRAC University, in collaboration with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), Bangladesh. The study addresses the critical public health challenge of violence within refugee camps, which acts as a pervasive threat to the health and well-being of displaced populations. Since the 2017 influx, and continuing with recent displacements in 2024, Rohingya refugees have faced increasing insecurity, including physical assault, sexual violence, and psychological abuse. These vulnerabilities are often exacerbated by stressors such as overcrowding, limited resources, and inadequate security measures.

Major Job Responsibilities:

- Conduct in-depth and key informant interviews using guides, ensuring accurate recording and confidentiality.
- Facilitate focus group discussions, encouraging participation and documenting outcomes.
- Observe behaviors and contexts carefully, taking detailed notes, extended summaries and photographs when permitted.
- Collect, organize, transcribe, and securely store qualitative data while maintaining confidentiality.
- Provide regular field updates and summarize key findings and emerging themes for the research team.
- Build trust and maintain respectful relationships with community members and stakeholders, ensuring informed consent and ethical conduct.
- Coordinate field logistics, schedules, and local collaborations, adapting plans as needed and communicating challenges promptly.

Preferred Qualifications:

Education & Contextual Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Anthropology, Social Science, or a related field from a reputable university.
- **Essential:** Prior experience working within Rohingya refugee camps.

Language Proficiencies

- **Essential:** Fluency in the Chattogram dialect (both speaking and listening).
- Strong command of English, particularly in writing.

Technical Research Skills

- Demonstrated experience in qualitative research projects.
- **Highly Preferred:** Experience working on projects related to sensitive topics (e.g., violence, trauma, Gender-Based Violence)
- Proficiency in qualitative methods, including conducting In-depth- Interviews (IDIs), Key Informant Interviews (KIIs), and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs).
- Proven experience with verbatim transcription and translation.



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Work Duration: 30 Days

How to apply:

Interested candidates are advised to submit their applications by sending their CVs to recruitment.sph@bracu.ac.bd by **November 25, 2025**.

Please mention **Application for Research Assistant** 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.

BRAC JPGSPH regrets to inform you that it is not liable to reply to all the submitted applications.