

Vacancy Announcement

Research Assistant - (1)

The BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (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 center 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, with support from BRAC University, is implementing a study entitled “Assessment of the presence of micro-plastic and food safety assessment associated with edible oil consumed in Bangladesh”. The objective of this study is to assess the quality of edible oils consumed in Bangladesh. Hence, we will 1) collect nationally representative samples of edible oils, 2) prepare composite samples, 3) analyze the samples for fatty acid composition and other major and minor constituents and contaminants.

To implement this study, BRAC JPGSPH will recruit Research Assistant (RA) to collect data and prepare samples and analyze them. Details are stated below:

Webpage Link: <https://bracjpgsph.org/career.php>

Key Responsibilities:

- Collection of samples from markets and restaurants.
- Preparation of composite samples as per standard operating procedure (SOP).
- Preparation of samples of oils subjected to frying at controlled environment according to SoP.
- Assist in the analysis of samples at laboratory.
- Assist the investigators in the analysis of data and writing of research reports/papers.
- Submit travel and other project-related bills as per instruction.
- Carry out any other duties related to the research project as requested by the supervisor.

Requirements:

- Masters in human nutrition or Biochemistry from a reputed university.
- Previous experiences in collecting, handling, and analysis of food samples.
- Good communication and writing skills in English.
- Willing to work in multiple laboratory and field settings.

Duration of Job

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

Workstation: James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, Institute of Nutrition and Food Science, Dhaka University and Plasma Plus Laboratory, Independent University.

Salary: BDT. 30,000/- (consolidated). Actual local travel costs will be reimbursed.

How to apply: Interested candidates are requested to mention the name of the position and send their CV to: cncdn@bracu.ac.bd by **August 5, 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.