

Research Excellence Award Initiative 2022

Call for Proposals

Specific Goals:

- A. *Research recognition*: Contribution of BRACU investigators to science, the humanity and BRACU.
- B. *Research culture*: Promoting focus on research at BRACU as proud global institution from Bangladesh
- C. *Research motivation*: Competitive motivation of BRACU investigators to new work and awards.

Research Excellence Awards:

* <i>Best Undergraduate Student Thesis</i>	One per BRACU Department
* <i>Best Graduate Student Thesis</i>	One per BRACU School/Institute
* <i>Rising Star Scholar (3rd place)</i>	One BRACU professor/lecturer/postdoc
<i>Rising Star Scholar (2nd place)</i>	One BRACU professor/lecturer/postdoc
<i>Rising Star Scholar (1st place)</i>	One BRACU professor/lecturer/postdoc
* <i>Senior Star Scholar</i>	One BRACU professor

Research Excellence Awards will include VC's Medal titles and monetary awards (TBD).

Participation & Eligibility:

- student*: Any BRACU undergraduate, graduate student with a research thesis
 - lecturer*: Any BRACU Lecturer, Senior Lecturer
 - professor*: Any BRACU full Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor
- * Awarded *Rising Star Scholars* ineligible to re-apply for 2 years after award
 - * Awarded *Senior Star Scholars* ineligible to re-apply

Evaluation Criteria:

- * *For Best Undergraduate and Graduate Student Thesis*: focus on research quality and promise
 - * *For Rising Star Scholars*: focus on recent contribution and promise
 - * *For Senior Star Scholars*: focus on lifelong sustained contribution
1. *Intellectual merit*: Service to science/technology (30%)
 2. *Broader impacts*: Service to society and humanity (30%)
 3. *Institutional value*: Service to BRACU and Goals below (40%)
 - a. *External leveraging*: Pioneering research promising major external research support
 - b. *Interdisciplinary partnerships*: Among BRACU schools/institutes, with inter/national partners
 - c. *Team building*: Among senior/experienced investigators mentoring junior/starting researchers
 - d. *BracU image*: Promoting BRACU as research university via publications and other recognition.

Review:

- * *Best Undergraduate & Graduate Student Theses*: Selected by respective Department/School/Institute
- * *Rising and Senior Start Scholars*: Selected by BRACU Research Committee

- Blended internal and external review
- By reviewer email and panel meetings
- Confidential, unbiased and unconflicted with proposers

Research Area:

Any research field supported at BRACU

Form of Proposal:

- * *Cover Letter* (one-page max), addressing eligibility and evaluation criteria
- * *Copy of student thesis, or Star Scholar curriculum vitae* (with list of publications and other research achievements)
- * *Copies of most significant research publications* or distinctions (max three), if applicable
- Proposals for *Best Undergraduate or Graduate Student Thesis* submitted to Dept. Chair/School Dean/Institute Director as applicable
- Proposals for *Rising or Senior Star Scholars* submitted to Research Committee (researchtaskforce@bracu.ac.bd)
- Proposals must be submitted in a SINGLE pdf file named after investigator (e.g. *haris_doumanidis.pdf*)
- Questions: Haris Doumanidis, haris@bracu.ac.bd

Timeline

- * *Call for proposals*: March 11, 2022
- * ***Proposal submission deadline: April 11, 2022 (5:00 pm local time)***
- * *Proposals to reviewers*: By April 18, 2021
- * *Reviews due*: May 9, 2022
- * *Results decisions*: by May 23, 2022
- * ***Results announced: on Research Day, June 2022.***