

The Regulation of International Supply Chains (RISC): The Governance of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) in the Bangladesh Ready-Made Garment Industry

Job Description - Research Assistant

The position in brief

We are seeking a Research Assistant to work on an international project, RISC, evaluating the regulation of international RMG supply chains emanating from Bangladesh. The project is led by Copenhagen Business School, and its partners are BRAC University, Tufts University and the Danish Ethical Trading Initiative.

About RISC

The RISC Project seeks to understand how social sustainability issues like working conditions and OHS are governed in the Bangladesh RMG industry. It conducts qualitative investigations into the various projects, programs and initiatives that arose after the Rana Plaza tragedy (e.g. the Accord for Bangladesh Worker Safety, the ILO' BetterWork Program) in order to understand the effectiveness of different approaches. RISC has also undertaken research about the effects of the corona virus crisis on social sustainability in the industry. RISC aims to share findings both in academia through publication in top journals, as well as with practitioners via reports, events, and social media.

The project is led by Jeremy Moon of Copenhagen Business School (Denmark) in partnership with Tufts University (USA), the Danish Ethical Trading Initiative, and BRAC University Bangladesh which houses a local research team. It is funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will run through 31/May/2021, with a possible extension until 30/Sep/2021

About the Position

RISC currently seeks a highly motivated individual for the role of Research Assistant. This role will be responsible for supporting specified research work packages. Key tasks include:

- Transcribe and translate interviews (involving 50% + time)
- Maintain accurate records of interviews, safeguarding the confidentiality of subjects, as required as well as ensuring compliance with applicable regulations.
- Attend project meetings and trainings as necessary
- Perform miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned to support research.

The balance of duties may vary during the project depending on different stages of the project.

Skills & proficiencies:

- Excellent communication and writing skills in both Bengali and English
- Very good typing skills in both Bengali and English
- Ability to transcribe interviews

- Translating from Bengali to English and vice versa.
- Experience with planning and coordinating events
- Strong attention to detail and highly organized
- Able to interpret and follow complex instructions and tasks
- Time Management

Essential Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree from a reputed university in a relevant area to RISC – business, management, sociology, political science, anthropology or similar with a CGPA of minimum 3.70.
- Excellent typing and translation skills in Bengali and English

Preferred Qualifications

- Prior experience in or knowledge of an area related to RISC, e.g. RMG, supply chains, governance, policy, social sustainability, gender, labor.
- Experience in qualitative research.

Salary: TK 30,000

Joining Date: 1st December 2020 or soon after.

Employment type: contractual

To Apply

Interested candidates fulfilling the above requirements are requested send a Cover letter, CV, and writing samples of both English and Bengali by 15th November 2020 to: ssr@bracu.ac.bd