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Message from Chairperson, Board of Trustees

This is the first year I am writing as the Chairperson of Brac University, after the passing of the Founder and previous Chairperson, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG.

Sir Abed founded Brac University in 2001 with the aim of building socially conscious, empathic and capable leaders across diverse sectors. Universities have a crucial role to play in achieving social justice, and Sir Abed's hope was that Brac University alumni would remain connected with the social realities on the ground as they embark on their futures, capable of tackling challenges such as poverty and inequity.

Brac University firmly believes in the ability of young people in creating positive changes in the world. We endeavour to develop important capabilities and qualities in every student- the ability to think critically and express their thoughts articulately; the capacity to empathise and collaborate with others; an appreciation of the arts and sciences; and a global perspective. Evidence of this continue to be seen throughout this year in Brac University's institutes, schools, departments and centres, with students and faculty engaged in multidisciplinary research and collaborating on a host of initiatives to benefit society.

As the year comes to a close, the annual report is an opportunity to recognise the contribution of all of the members in the Brac University family, including our new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Vincent Chang who joined the university in early 2019, and special visitors such as the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Ban Ki-Moon, who joined His Excellency The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for our 13th Convocation. I thank all, particularly our dedicated faculty members, for your commitment to the growth and development of the university. I look forward to working with you to continue building our institution as one of the leading regional universities in the service of Bangladesh and beyond.

Ms. Tamara Hasan Abed
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Brac University



Message from Vice Chancellor

2019 was a special year for Brac University as we marked the passing of our Founder, Sir Fazle Abed. We have been celebrating his extraordinary life achievement and worldwide impact. Sir Fazle Abed believed in universities as enduring institutions that could thrive over hundreds of years. He wanted to create a university that would develop leaders to support the construction of Bangladesh and beyond. He saw his foundation grow to an institution of over 11 000 students, with nearly 11 000 alumni.

Brac University is already well linked internationally and aspiring to become one of the major Asian institutions. We want to be a proud, international institution from Bangladesh, with global impact in teaching, learning, research and social development. We aim to develop students with broad and deep education, versatility, the ability to think critically, creatively and resourcefully, to work effectively with others, to become the graduates that employers will want to hire and to serve society.

The university community was delighted that Sir Fazle Abed witnessed the laying of the foundation stone for our beautiful, environmentally sensitive, 5 acre, 1.7 million square foot campus. Strategically located in the heart of the country's commercial hub in Dhaka, the campus will give Brac University an outstanding base for teaching, learning and research. Our founder encouraged us on our journey as we looked together to our exciting future.



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Vice Chancellor
Brac University

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Meetings: Meetings of the Syndicate took place on April 2, June 25 and October 28, 2019.

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Meetings: Meetings of the Academic Council took place on March 28, June 18, and October 24, 2019.

Brac University Logo and Anthem

The arc of the circle suggests the wish to disseminate education to an international standard and milieu.

The symbolic presentation of three books towards the bottom of the design suggests different stages, levels and subjects of education. An all-round broad-based education has been emphasized here. The suggestive drawing of open books stresses a disciplined and dynamic development of education.

The three colors used in the design- blue, black and silver; the size and shape of the letter that spell Brac University, and the balanced presentation of the three books and the circle suggest that Brac University is a strong and dynamic institution of international standard, dedicated to achieving the aims of education, peace, equality and discipline.

The BracU logo was designed by renowned artist Mr. Hashem Khan in 2001.



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Anthem

জীবনের সিঁড়ি বেয়ে
উজ্জ্বল আগামীর পথে
আমরা এগিয়ে যাই
দেশ ও মানুষের জন্য ॥

হৃদয়ের মাঝে বয়ে চলা সুর
ছুঁয়ে যায় আমার অনুভব
আমার প্রিয় এ প্রাঙ্গণের
মিলিত প্রাণের স্পন্দনে ॥

অবারিত নীলিমায়
ডানা মেলে উড়ে যায়
হাজারো স্বপ্ন, প্রত্যাশা
এক হয়ে মিশে যাক
সৃষ্টিতে, চির তারুণ্যে ॥

কথা : আমির ইবনে শরীফ, প্রভাষক, স্থাপত্য বিভাগ, ২০০৬
সুর : শামস্ মনসুর গনি, প্রভাষক, স্থাপত্য বিভাগ, ২০০৬



Profile of Brac University

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Background

BRAC University (BracU) was established in 2001. It follows a liberal arts approach to education which nurtures fresh ideas and gives new impetus to the field of tertiary education. It ensures a high quality of education and aims to meet the demands of contemporary times. Building on BRAC's experience of seeking solutions to challenges posed by extreme poverty, BracU hopes to instill in its students a commitment to working towards national development and progress. BracU is accredited by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and approved by the Ministry of Education, Government of Bangladesh.

Mission

The mission of BracU is to foster the national development process through the creation of a centre of excellence in higher education that is responsive to society's needs, and able to develop creative leaders. It actively contributes to learning and the creation of knowledge.

New Mission:

- Fostering Knowledge Creation
- Upholding Human Values
- Promoting Sustainable Development

Vision BracU 2.0

- Proud, Global institution from Bangladesh
- Bangladesh's Flagship University

Goal

The goal of the university is to provide an excellent broad-based education with a focus on professional development for students, in order to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary to lead the country in its quest for development. Along with this, faculty members are provided with a dynamic teaching environment where they can further their teaching-learning abilities and contribute to the creation of new knowledge by developing and applying their research skills.

Schools

BRAC Business School (BBS):

- Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)

Graduate School of Management:

- Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
- Master of Bank Management (MBM)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Bank Management and IT

James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH):

- Master of Public Health
- Diploma in Midwifery

School of Data and Sciences:

Department of Computer Science & Engineering:

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
- M. Sc. /M. Engg. in Computer Science and Engineering
- Master in Computer Application
- Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science and Information Technology

Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

- Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
- Bachelor of Science in Microbiology
- Bachelor of Science in Physics
- Bachelor of Science in Applied Physics & Electronics
- Bachelor of Science in Biotechnology
- Master of Science in Biotechnology

School of Engineering:

Department of Electrical & Electronic Engineering:

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Electronic and Communication Engineering
- M. Sc. /M. Engg. in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

School of Law (SOL):

- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B. (Hons.))

Chinese, French, Spanish, Korean and Arabic Languages

School of Architecture & Design (SOAD):

- Bachelor of Architecture
- Master in Disaster Management
- Postgraduate Diploma in Disaster Management
- Certificate Course in Interior Design
- Certificate Course in Graphic Design & Communications

School of Humanities & Social Sciences (SHSS):

Department of English

- Bachelor of Arts in English

Department of Economics

- Bachelor of Social Science in Anthropology
- Bachelor of Social Science in Economics
- Postgraduate Diploma in Macroeconomic Analysis
- Master of Science in Applied Economics

School of Life Sciences (SOLS):

Department of Pharmacy

- Bachelor of Pharmacy

Institutes

Brac Institute of Educational Development (BIED):

- Master of Science in Early Childhood Development
- Master in Education
- Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership and School Improvement
- Postgraduate Diploma in Early Childhood Development

Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD):

- Master of Development Studies (MDS)
- Master of Arts in Governance and Development (MAGD)
- Masters in Development Management & Practice (MDMP)
- Masters in Procurement and Supply Management (MPSM)

Brac Institute of Languages (BIL):

- Master of Arts in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- Certificate Course in Bangla, English,

- Arabic Languages
 - Certificate Course in Interior Design

Highlights of 2019

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Brac University lays foundation stone of permanent campus



Brac University reached a new echelon on Saturday, October 26, 2019, laying the foundation stone of its permanent campus in Merul Badda of Dhaka.

Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG, Founder and Chairperson Emeritus, BracU Board of Trustees, and BracU President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Vincent Chang did the honour while Tamara Hasan Abed, Chairperson, Board of Trustees of Brac University, was present.

Professor Chang pronounced this launching, coupled with a new vision and mission, as a milestone for BracU literally and figuratively, and added that classes at the new campus may be expected to start from the Summer 2021 semester.

Thanking Sir Abed for the foundation of BracU as well as for being a giant of humanity, Professor

Chang added that it was the responsibility of all involved to pursue the university's mission so that it could last and serve for hundreds of years.

Reading out Sir Abed's speech on his behalf, Ms. Abed said BracU was a place for creating progressive and innovative human beings and was playing a big role in social development by carrying out world-class research and building leadership quality among students.

To that end, she remarked, the technical mastery and architectural beauty of the new campus is unique and the latest in Bangladesh. Considering the need for a space to encourage creativity, this campus was designed with swathes of open spaces filled with greenery.

Students, faculty members, alumni and officials of BRAC and BracU were present at the event.

Brac University 13th Convocation and Ban Ki-moon gives his first overseas commencement speech at Brac University



On November 23, 2019, Former United Nations Secretary-General, Ban Ki-Moon addressed BracU's 13th Convocation as the commencement speaker. This was the first time he spoke at an overseas convocation. The former Secretary-General supports education, global citizenship and energising students, and has been a lifelong believer of the broad possibilities of education and youth.

Earlier that day, Professor Chang and Foreign Minister Dr Momen received Mr Ban Ki-moon at the airport and sent him off later that night. Notably, this

was the second time he visited Dhaka and it opened up the possibility for other upcoming visits.

President and BracU Chancellor, Md Abdul Hamid chaired the convocation held at the Bangladesh Army Stadium. Education Minister Dr, Dipu Moni, Foreign Affairs Minister Dr, Abdul Momen and BracU Board of Trustees Chairperson Tamara Hasan Abed also spoke at the event.

Other members of the Board of Trustees were present at the ceremony. In total more than 9,000 people attended the event.

JPGSPH Hosted Global Conference on Implementation Science 2019

The first ever Global Conference on Implementation Science (GCIS) was held at the Radisson Blu Water Garden Hotel, Dhaka, Bangladesh from June 29 to July 1, 2019. GCIS 2019 was co-hosted by the Centre of Excellence for Science of Implementation and Scale-up (CoE-SISU), Brac James

P Grant School of Public Health at BracU (BRAC JPGSPH), and UNICEF Bangladesh, and co-sponsored by TDR, Geneva. The three-day conference was observed successfully bringing 250 participants from 30 countries and included researchers, implementers, international donor and partner organizations working with Bangladesh-based NGOs and Government officials on a single platform.

“This is the era of implementation science and the conference here today is so very timely! We not only want to showcase the role of implementation research but are also keen to enable a global knowledge sharing platform”, said Professor Malabika Sarker, Associate Dean, Director of Research and Director, CoE-SISU, BRAC JPGSPH. Professor Sarker along with Dr. Juanita Vasquez Escallon, Evaluation Specialist, UNICEF, Bangladesh co-chaired the event.

The conference aimed to create a global platform with the participation of specialists and implementers from leading organizations to understand and share their experiences on implementation science and research in scaling-up and sustaining social sector program in a given national context.

The Conference began with a welcome address by Professor Vincent Chang, Vice-Chancellor, BracU, Mr Tomoo Hozumi, Country Representative



UNICEF, Bangladesh, Mr Syed Monjurul Islam, Deputy Executive Director, icddr, b, and Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid, Dean, BRAC JPGSPH. In her welcome speech, Professor Sabina Faiz Rashid gave emphasis on working together across disciplines with the same goal and passion in public health to help the vulnerable community.

Opening speeches were delivered by Dr Shamsul Alam, Member, General Economics Division, Ministry of Planning, Government of Bangladesh (GoB), Dr, Meerjady Sabrina Flora, Director of the Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research (IEDCR); and Dr, Md Nazmul Islam, Line Director, Medical Education and Health Manpower Development, Directorate General of Health Services. Fifteen parallel plenary sessions were held over the course of the conference on topics ranging from strengthening IR capacity in the TDR supported postgraduate schemes, IR in response to the malnutrition challenge in Bangladesh and involving multi-sectoral collaboration.

The closing session was participated by Professor Kaosar Afsana, BRAC JPGSPH, Samuel Bickel, Regional Evaluation Advisor, UNICEF ROSA, Olakunle Alonge, Assistant Professor, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Professor Sally Theobald, Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Dr. Till Barnighausen, and Dr. Md Rizwanul Karim, Program Manager, Non-communicable Disease Control Program, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh.

The conference formally came to an end with the closing remarks of Professor Sarker.

International Conference on Business and Management held



Brac Business School (BBS), BracU organized the 2nd International Conference on Business and Management (ICBM) from April 25 to 27, 2019 at The Westin Dhaka, ending with a prize giving & closing ceremony.

The session was adorned by Mr. K M Khalid MP, State Minister, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh as the Chief Guest. In his speech, he focused on the development of tertiary education in Bangladesh, and, particularly, on the initiatives taken up by BracU's. Program Chair of ICBM 2019, Dr. Md. Mamun Habib, Associate Professor, BBS, BracU, expressed his gratitude to the guests and participants for making the event a grand success.

The Guest of Honour, Mr. M. Anis Ud Dowla, Chairman of ACI Group emphasized on how further collaboration between academia and industry can contribute to economic revolution.

Professor Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor, BracU, remarked the necessity of academic conference. Pro Vice-chancellor, Professor M. Tamim remarked

on 3rd ICBM conference and expressed special thanks to Dr. Habib and his team.

Professor Mohammad Mahboob Rahman, PhD, Dean, BBS, BracU, chaired the session. Professor Hui-Ming Wee (Taiwan), PhD and Professor Tzong-Ru Lee (Taiwan) PhD were the keynote speakers of the conference.

The conference had about 250 participants, including more than 40 foreign delegates from different countries, namely Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Nigeria, India, Sweden, and Canada. More than 170 academic papers were presented in 24 different parallel sessions. The conference closed with the Minister distributing the Best Paper Award, and other crests and certificates among participants.

Notably, ACI Limited was the Platinum sponsor of the conference. The Gold sponsors included Abdul Monem Ltd., Brac Bank, IPDC Finance and Runner Automobiles, and the Silver sponsors Mutual Trust Bank, bKash. Supporting sponsors, included A H Khan & Co. and BBG, Singapore.

ICEPE 2019 ends with a hope of a prosperous Bangladesh



A three-day International Conference on Energy and Power Engineering (ICEPE 2019) organized by The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) of Brac University (BU) was held at the Brac CDM, Savar, from March 14 to 16, 2019.

Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, Bir Bikram, Energy Advisor to the Prime Minister, inaugurated the conference as the chief guest. He said that Bangladesh's transformation has been tremendous in the past 10 years with the percentage of people getting access to electricity increasing from 45 to 90 percent. He expected more collaboration among the IEEE Power and Energy Society and others present at the conference in solving problems of Bangladesh's power sector. The technical co-sponsor of the event was the IEEE Power and Energy Society.

Professor Saifur Rahman, President of the IEEE Power and Energy Society, said there were 5 million papers in IEEE Power and Energy Society database, which sees 3 million downloads every month.

The IEEE Power and Energy Society helped the Bangladesh government set up an Energy, Power and Research Centre, he informed, urging the government and top officials to use current economic growth and enthusiasm to build a better Bangladesh.

Professor Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor, BracU said that energy plays a critical role in economic

development of Bangladesh, and as history proves, energy technologies have been propelling development. Dhaka is a growing city of transformation and hope are high that in the next 5 years BracU and Dhaka will develop by quite some notches higher, he added.

Professor Shahidul Islam Khan, Chairperson, EEE, BracU delivered the welcome speech.

Organized for the first time by the department, ICEPE 2019 aimed at providing a platform to lead researchers, engineers and scientists in the areas of power and energy engineering. ICEPE 2019 called for papers from researchers nationally and internationally on December 10, 2018. In total, 36 papers were selected to be presented in the conference. The best three papers and two projects were awarded with certification and prize in the closing ceremony.

Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus, Senior Secretary, Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, GoB joined the closing ceremony on the last day of the conference.

Additionally, eminent professors and experts from the USA, UK, China, India, Australia and Bangladesh conducted panel sessions and keynote talks on power and energy related topics during this three-day conference. Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mohammad Tamim, concluded the conference by giving vote of thanks.

Brac University Organizes National Career Fair



BracU is committed to the skill development of students who are going to enter the job market soon. But a university cannot do it alone. It needs academia-industry alliance, said Professor Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor, BracU, at the opening of the "NRB Jobs Presents National Career Fair-2019" organized by BracU on Thursday June 27, 2019.

The fair was organized, under the theme "Campus to Corporate", at Carnival, Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC), Agargaon, Dhaka.

The objective of the fair was to provide a platform to all graduating and already graduated students from both public and private universities and colleges to connect with the country's leading employers from different sectors and match their career of interest.

The two-day National Career Fair saw huge participation of job seekers as more than 100 renowned public and private organizations came to the event offering multi-diversified employment opportunities. Foreign Minister Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, MP inaugurated the fair as the Chief Guest while Professor Chang graced the occasion as the Chair.

State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Nasrul Hamid, MP, spoke at the concluding ceremony as the Chief Guest. During the fair, "Career Grooming Sessions" were held to provide an opportunity for students to hear from the industry leaders and experts.

Additionally, a two-day training on various job-related topics was held that helped the potential employees acquire extracurricular skills that the recruiters are looking for in potential candidates.

Brac University launches map of Dhaka's RMG factories



BracU digital map charting Dhaka's garment factories is a very timely and significant initiative that will help product buyers know more about the entities, said Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi on February 9, 2019 in his address at the ceremony in BGMEA Complex that officially launched a beta version of the online interactive public database called "Mapped in Bangladesh", a research initiative led by BracU with lead funding from C&A Foundation and support from BRAC USA.

It contains export-oriented ready-made garment factory names, GPS location, postal address, number of workers, products, export countries, brands and buyers, and memberships, affiliations, and certifications; all of which was collected by

enumerators by going door-to-door. The map is scheduled to be expanded by 2021 to incorporate factories across the country.

"Mapped in Bangladesh" enables a collective action approach to advancements in the garment sector by bringing together key industry stakeholders," said Linda Patentas, Program Manager for Cities, Supply Chains, and Migration at Brac USA.

"Transparency tools like Mapped in Bangladesh can continue to strengthen improvements and facilitate growth in the readymade garment industry," she added.



Schools

Brac Business School (BBS)

James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)

School of Law (SoL)

Brac Business School (BBS)

About

Brac Business School (BBS) began its journey in the year 2001 as a department at BracU before evolving into a school in 2006. Within this short period of time, the school has made its mark as a center of excellence in the academic and business communities through a rigorous, discipline-based approach to business education.

The aim of BBS is to inspire excellence through the quality of business education, training, research and advisory services it delivers. Excellence is a target that changes fast in a constantly evolving business environment and the school strives to enhance the ability of students to learn and adapt better through analytical thinking. With a mission to create and disseminate knowledge in the field of business and management, BBS focuses to develop its students through creating a bridge between theory and reality of business.

Our Academic Programs

BBS has three programs. They are BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration), MBA (Masters' of Business Administration) and EMBA (Executive Masters' of Business Administration), which cater to different segments of the market. Though the programs vary in pedagogy, they have one common goal of creating individuals who can propel an organization forward. Specialization may be attained in one or more of the following areas: Accounting, Finance, Human Resource Management, Marketing, Information Management, Entrepreneurship, Supply Chain Management and Operations Management.

The BBA program, with the versatility of concentrations, aims at enabling the students to learn and practice state-of-the-art business and management concepts, principles, tools, techniques and methods, and to help them become outstanding business leaders in the highly dynamic global environment of the twenty first century. By the end of the year 2019, a total of 3175 students (1744 males and 1431 females) were awarded with Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

The MBA program is designed for students who aspire to attain careers in business, commerce and industrial sectors. The curriculum is a careful blend of global business programs of repute adapted to the local environment so that at the end of the program the graduates can easily link up with their chosen vocation. By the end of the year 2019, a total of 302 students (154 males and 148 females) were awarded with Masters' of Business Administration degree.

The Executive MBA (EMBA) Program of Brac Business School (BBS) focuses primarily on the implementation of practical applications and is adapted to meet today's business requirements as well as future opportunities and encounters of multinational environment in a sustainable manner. It is designed for business leaders and managers, civil servants, social entrepreneurs, NGO executives, military officials and other professionals. The core objective of the EMBA program is to develop ethical and competent future business leaders with a solid global outlook who will demonstrate confidence and excellence in managerial leadership, decision-making, critical thinking and teamwork. By the end of the year 2019, a total of 103 students (69 males and 34 females) were awarded with Executive Masters' of Business Administration degree.

Total Enrolled Students in Various Programs

Programs	No. of Students
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)	1824
Master of Business Administration (MBA)	498
Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)	195

Details of these programs are available in following links:

BBA Program Structure -<https://www.bracu.ac.bd/academics/institutes-and-schools/brac-business-school/bachelor-business-administration/bba-program>

MBA program Structure - <https://www.bracu.ac.bd/academics/institutes-and-schools/brac-business-school/master-business-administration/mba-program>

EMBA program Structure - <https://www.bracu.ac.bd/academics/institutes-and-schools/brac-business-school/executive-mba/emba-program-structure>

Faculty and Administration Overview

Some of the finest teachers, specialized in business education, are working at BBS and high-class practitioners supplement their endeavors. The BBS is proud to have some prominent and nationally recognized professors in its faculty pool: Professor Dr. Mirza Azizul Islam (former Adviser, Caretaker Government of Bangladesh), Professor Dr. Akbar Ali Khan (former Adviser, Caretaker Government of Bangladesh) and Professor Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed (former Governor, Bangladesh Bank). During the year 2019, three more professors: Dr. Mahboob Rahman, Dr. M Mujibul Haque and Dr. Abdul Hoque, and one Associate Professor, Dr. Sebastian Groh, joined the school; and Dr. Sharmin Shabnam Rahman rejoined as Assistant Professor upon completion of her doctoral degree. As part of continuous professional development, fifteen BBS faculty members are currently pursuing their PhD degrees in accredited foreign universities. In addition to the regular faculty members, the school has a large pool of adjunct faculty members from business, autonomous bodies, and research & academic institutions. Overseas academics and researchers regularly supplement as guest faculty members. Details of the faculty members and their research activities may be viewed on the website: <https://www.bracu.ac.bd/academics/institutes-and-schools/brac-business-school>

The Academic Committee of the school consists of all full-time faculty members and is headed by Dean - Dr. Mahboob Rahman during the year 2019. The committee supervises all academic affairs of the school, including curriculum and quality assurance. The Administration Team of BBS consists of two Associate Deans (Academics and Research), three Program Directors (BBA, MBA and EMBA), four Area Directors (Accounting and Finance; Marketing; Management and Human Resources; Supply Chain, Technology and Operations Management), and four Assistant Deans (Industry,

International and Alumni; Counseling and Placement; Accreditation and Quality; and Pedagogy and Assessment).

Heightened Emphasis on Academic Standard, Curriculum, Quality Assurance and International Accreditation

During the year 2019, a number of initiatives were undertaken to assure superior academic standard for all BBS programs and enhanced learning experience of BBS students.

First, syllabuses of all BBS courses were standardized with focus on clearly stated learning objectives, intended learning outcomes, teaching methods, assessment scheme, detailed list of topics and subtopics with specific activity schedule, and explicit academic policies with regards to student performance, expectations and academic integrity.

Second, the faculty performance appraisal scheme was restructured to include peer evaluation of teaching through classroom visits and assessment of course syllabus and content, learning materials and assessment instruments.

Third, curriculum revision process of all three BBS programs (BBA, MBA and EMBA) was initiated with analysis of current curriculum and benchmarking to curricula of leading world universities with the objective to contemporize curriculum, to align to BBS and BracU strategy (student-centricity, international standardization, knowledge creation and elevating human values), and to deliver impactful teaching and learning.

All these efforts were instrumental in BBS attaining eligibility for EDAF (EFMD GN Deans Across Frontier) accreditation. The plan is to use it as a stepping-stone towards the long-term goal of achieving EFMD (European Foundation for Management Development) accreditation. All faculty members participated actively in these efforts and contributed towards these accomplishments.

Scholarly Activities at BBS

BBS faculty members engaged in scholarly activities and published in the form of numerous books, journal articles, conference proceedings and op-eds in newspapers and magazines. A

selection of the most impactful publications is cited below.

Book Publications

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2. Ahmed, S. (2019), “Development Agenda and Global South Cooperation”, was published in special publication by ICC (International Chamber of Commerce), Bangladesh.
3. Islam, M. A. (2019) “FY20 budget statement: Treatment of the financial sector”, The Financial Express June 25, 2019.

BBS Real Talk debate series launched

In September 2019, BBS launched the country's first of its kind high-level debate, coined Real Talk, at the Brac Centre Inn. Through this Oxford Union style initiative, BBS's aim was to promote a robust discussion, which will enable policymakers and other key-stakeholders to make informed decisions about pressing issues. In its first edition, moderated by Dr. Sebastian Groh, Associate Professor at BBS, the Real Talk welcomed a distinguished panel of speakers to debate the motion whether the switch from local natural gas to other finite energy sources the right transition path for Bangladesh. A pro-active audience listened to the points and counter-points in favour and against the motion and also took part in an audience poll. As the floor was open to the audience, they engaged themselves through questions and comments. By the end, the team against the motion, and in favour of an immediate shift to renewable, swayed more minds. Professor Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor, BracU congratulated the debaters and concluded this first Real Talk event.



A Conversation on Climate Justice

In November 2019, BBS along with the Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER) jointly organized the screening of the internationally acclaimed documentary 2040 The Regeneration and a follow-up conversation on Climate Justice, was moderated by Dr. Sebastian Groh, Associate Professor at BBS. The talk centred around the question of how political will for climate issues can be further strengthened, and why plans for further coal power plan are still being considered in the country instead of being halted while looking for better available options. The panel stressed in its final statements the point that the country's leadership is extremely well informed on climate change issues, and that it is all of us that need to do our homework, but also that stronger political will works more effectively if it is supported by a movement carried out by a significant share of the current and upcoming voters.

Post Budget (FY19-20) Dialogue

BBS in association with Business and Economics Forum (BeF) organized the most prodigious and talked about discussion of the month of June, "Post Budget Dialogue FY 19-20" which was conducted on Friday June 14, 2019. Discussion included conversations about the economic changes that will influence the financial resources of Bangladesh in this fiscal year.

Professors from BBS, Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, Dr. Akbar Ali Khan, Dr. Mirza Azizul Islam and the CEO of IPDC, Mr. Mominul Islam participated at the event.



2nd International Conference on Business and Management (ICBM-2019)

With over 300 participants, including about 40 foreign delegates, and a total of 260 papers, BBS successfully organized the 2nd International Conference on Business & Management (ICBM 2019) from April 25 to 27, 2019 at The Westin, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The theme of the conference was "Industry Focused Global Research Trends in Business and Management".

After the huge success of the first edition of ICBM in 2017, this year's conference brought together academicians and renowned industrialists from all over the country and abroad under one roof. This conference was full of distinguished academicians, international dignitaries, business leaders, young scholars, and other participants. Foreign delegates from various continents of several countries, particularly Canada, Sweden, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Taiwan, Indonesia, India, Nigeria, China, UK participated in the conference.



Alumni Engagement in 2019- Iftar Mahfil

At the behest of BBS on May 23, 2019, an 'Iftar Mahfil' was organized, under the leadership of Shamim E. Haque, the newly appointed Assistant Dean of BBS responsible for Alumni and Industry Relations, for the senior alumni of the university who are now working in prominent positions at various corporate and not-for-profits. The event solicited opinion sharing and open discussions from the invitees on the future of the alumni relations, the roles that the alumni can play for the growth and development of the business school, and the increasing needs of alumni engagement with BBS.

Professor Mohammad Mahboob Rahman, VP, Administration, Chief of Staff, and Advisor for Business and Executive Programs at BracU,

presided over the meeting and hosted the event as the Chief Guest. The alumni represented companies like Nestle Bangladesh, Summit Group, Grameen Phone, HSBC, Ogilvy and Mather, BRAC and Grameen Bank.

CLUBS / EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES OF BBS

Besides classroom teaching and learning, BBS encourages students to engage in co-curricular activities through student clubs, in particular BracU Business Club (BizBee), Brac University Business and Economics Forum (BeF), Brac University Marketing Association (BUMA), Entrepreneurship Development Forum (EDF), International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) and the MBA Forum. The objective is to instill leadership and entrepreneurial skills in the students of the school by engaging them in activities originated by the clubs. BBS Faculty members, as Club Advisors and Co-advisors, provide students with guidance and mentorship.

The various events organized by the clubs may be viewed in details on the website (<https://www.bracu.ac.bd/campus-life/office-co-curricular-activities-oca/club-community>). The highlighted events include:

HULT Prize @ BracU

The HULT Prize is the largest students' competition in the world organized by the HULT Prize foundation in collaboration with the United Nations. BBS has been organizing the campus round of HULT Prize since 2014. BracU has the only team in Bangladesh to reach the coveted Global Finale and pitch in front of former US president Bill Clinton and to win USD 1 Million to launch their social startup. This year two teams got selected to pitch at the regional finals. Scheduled for Vietnam and Australia, respectively, both finals were held virtually. BracU was represented by the on-campus Champion.

'VISION - Business Then & Now'

The launching of the sixth volume of magazine "VISION" marked a historical moment for Brac Business- Club BIZ BEE. To make the launching successful, club members convened with the

Managing Director of "Consumers Brand, ACI Limited" Mr. Syed Alamgir, Founder and CEO of "Light House Bangladesh" Mr. Nazmus Ahmed Albab, COO of "X - Integrated Communication Agency" Dr. Abir Alam and Assistant Director of Sales and Marketing of "Quality Integrated Agro Limited" Mr. Uzayr Hafiz. The inauguration ceremony started with a panel discussion with BIZ BEE's Co-Advisor Mr. Ahmed Abir Choudhury about "Business then and now".

Blood Donation Camp

BracU Business Club (BIZ BEE) and BracU Community Service Club (BUCSC) jointly organized a blood donation event. The event was organized in association with Bangladesh Thalassemia Foundation with the goal of collecting blood for the children affected by Thalassemia and a total of 205 bags of blood were collected during the event.

Marketing 4.0 - Workshop on Effective Social Media Optimization

To enlighten students with the technical know-how of digital marketing, BIZ BEE, in association with Spade Academy organized "Marketing 4.0 - An Interactive Workshop on Effective Social Media Optimization". Mr. Tawseef Hasan, presently working as the Digital Lead at Bangladesh Brand Forum, conducted the workshop.

The E-Carnival 4.0

After successfully organizing "The E-Carnival", for 3 years in a row, BIZ BEE has proudly organized "The E-Carnival 4.0," in 2019. This event was an exhibition of most of the renowned E-Commerce businesses in our country.

Corporate Masterminds 2019

Business and Economics Forum reached a milestone of success with the launching and completion of Corporate Masterminds 2019 - a National Business Competition, bringing top business schools from all around the country. The competition comprised of rounds consisting of online round, second round to Grand Finale. The event witnessed excellent solutions from teams and was hosted by talented pool of judges from different business management backgrounds.



MARVELS :

It is a signature event of the BracU Marketing Association (BUMA) creating an interaction among Alumni of BBS and current students. Alumnus shared their experience in the job market, the expectations of the employers and necessary skills required with the students.

Know the Behind Story

BracU Entrepreneurship Development Forum (BUEDF) conducted the event. It was one of the biggest events of the Summer 2019 semester in BracU. This event was about the journey of four entrepreneurs who shared their experiences of becoming an entrepreneur. Dean of BRAC Business School, Director of Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED) and Co-Adviser of BUEDF were present in the session.



Workshop on Apps Making

BUEDF took an initiative to contribute to the university's vision of producing skilled students. BUEDF conducted a workshop with BDApps on apps making and android app developing. Participants learned the basics of apps making. After the workshop, because of the successful negotiations, BDApps offered the BracU students a special discount for their paid courses.



Along with these notable events, BBS had also organized its regular events named Freshmen Orientation Program, Meet the Interns, Meet the CEO, Open Forum with Dean and Meet the Alumni.



James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)



James P Grant School of Public Health was founded in 2004 in Dhaka, Bangladesh to address the unmet public health challenges particular to Asia, Africa and South America. Since inception:

- The School has 210 multidisciplinary faculty and staff
- The MPH program has had 524 Graduates from 34 countries
- 127 research projects were undertaken
- Over 109 Partnerships with Global and National Research, Academic & Development Organisations
- 612 Peer reviewed Publications (journal articles, International book chapters, etc.)
- 6200 trained: health and development professionals
- Over 214 active civil society and engagements with key stakeholders to influence and impact on program and policies.

Vision

To be the leading global Public Health Institute for the world's critical health challenges affecting disadvantaged communities.

Mission

To create innovative public health leaders and solutions through cutting-edge, experiential Education, Training, Research and Advocacy

The school has four core pillars: (1) Education (2) Training (3) Research (4) Advocacy

Education

The locus of the MPH program is its experiential community immersive teaching through rigorous urban and rural fieldwork. Facilitating this real-world contextual learning are the BRAC JPGSPH's reputed global and national professors grounded in critical public health research, practice and programmers from international institutions including Harvard University, USA; Stanford, USA McGill University, Canada; Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, UK; UNSW, Australia, Makerere University, and nationally reputed institutions: BRAC, icddr, b and others. The School was featured as one of the top 6 Public Health Schools in the region by WHO in 2007 (<https://www.who.int/bulletin/volumes/85/12/07-011207/en>), and in 2020 featured in Johns Hopkins University's *Global Health Now* as a top School in the region (<https://www.globalhealthnow.org/2019-08/10-fixes-global-health-consulting-malpractice>).

In 2019-2020 our 15th batch has a total of 27 students with 11 international and 16 national students.

A 3-year project led by the School- TRANS4M-PH funded by ERASMUS+ under the European Union aims to develop contextualized teaching and learning methodologies in Public Health with Independent University Bangladesh and Asian University of Women, Chittagong.

Please visit: http://bracjpgsph.org/images/MPH_Admission/MPH_Prospectus_2021_8June2020-compressed4mb.pdf for more information

RESEARCH:

Since its inception, the School has been engaged in 127 research projects. In the last 2.5 years the School has had over 120 Peer reviewed Publications (2018, 2019, up to June, 2020). These projects are investigating the most pressing public health needs of the country to identify evidence-based solutions, inform program and policies under The Five Centers of Excellence:

1. Gender and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (established in 2008)
2. Health Systems and Universal Health Coverage (established in 2012)
3. Urban Equity and Health (established in 2013)
4. Science of Implementation & Scale-up (established in 2016)
5. Non-communicable Diseases and Nutrition (established in 2017).

In addition to the 5 Centers, the faculty conducted Humanitarian Research in the Rohingya Camps and host communities. The School has over 109 Partnerships with Global and National Research, Academic & Development Organisations.

TRAINING:

Centre for Professional Skills development in Public Health, established in 2007, offers unique and innovative pedagogic methods with interactive

discussions, experiential learning exposures, community and facility visits, multi-media engagement, role-playing, and other forms of hands-on practical and online learning. The School has conducted over 45 trainings, workshops, and capacity building seminars/webinars in 2019, some of which are projected to be completed by June, 2020.

ADVOCACY:

The School believes in advocating for change in policies and working closely with stakeholders to push agendas that are of critical national and global importance. There have been over 214+ advocacy events. Thirteen policy influencing meetings took place in 2019. Selected notable achievements from 2019 includes the Global Conference on Implementation Science and Scale-Up over 250 participants from 30 countries (<https://sisugcis.com/>), Implementation Research focusing on Health System strengthening in UNICEF supported areas in Cox's Bazar District, Bangladesh.

Leadership: Professor Sabina F Rashid is Dean of the School since 2013. Professor Malabika Sarker is the Associate Dean, with a Senior Management team of 15, which includes eight professors, two associate professors and one assistant scientist, besides the Head of Developing Midwives Project and her senior team.



School of Law

Founded in 2004, the School of Law at BracU is a gateway through which students are prepared for careers in law, in administrative services, the judiciary and in the development sector. The four-year undergraduate program at the School of Law culminates into a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) degree for successful students. Although the primary emphasis of the program is on law and the legal profession, given that Law is also intertwined with economics, development, business and sociology, it also prepares students who are inclined to seek professions in other disciplines.

The faculty of the School of Law are handpicked for their academic excellence and individual expertise. They bring with them teaching-learning experiences from Universities in Europe, Australia and Asia. The faculty has individual expertise in the areas of criminal law, gender studies, business laws, international trade laws, cyber laws and human rights; all of which are shared with the students in course work and in workshops and lecture programs organised by the School.

Recognising BRAC's background and the goals and commitments of BracU, the School of Law endeavours to impart legal education to seek legal solutions that respect social, cultural and aesthetic needs of the people. To meet this goal, it strives to impart to its students not only the tenets of the law, but also legal philosophy, rights-based issues and a broader awareness of the society they live in. Graduates from the School of Law are now pursuing careers as lawyers, judges, corporate legal officers, development workers and academics.

Given the excellent legal education imparted by the faculty and the high achievements and visibility in moot court competitions, legal firms give preference to graduates from Dhaka University and BracU, when they seek interns and associates. Opening an LL.M. program will greatly improve and strengthen our academic ranking.

The School of Law has eight full-time faculty members. Two others are on regular course contract, of which one is a former Honourable Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme

Court and the other is a practicing lawyer of the Supreme Court. The faculty have degrees from universities from Europe and Asia and bring with them teaching methods observed there. The full-time faculty have undergone the Professional Development Course run by the University and are putting their learning into practice. In 2004, the School of Law started its journey with six students. In the year 2019, the School had over 600 students.

The following paragraphs give a brief description of the activities of the School and its faculty members for 2019.

1. Significant achievements in 2019

The School of Law, in 2019, reached another milestone by organising its first national level moot court competition, the First Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed Memorial Moot Court Competition 2019 (held on January 25th-26th, 2019).

The School of Law Mooting team became runners up at the biggest moot court competition organised in Bangladesh to date - the "2nd DUMCS-TIB Anti-Corruption Moot Court Competition 2019", organised by Dhaka University Moot Court Society and Transparency International Bangladesh on November 28 -30, 2019. 26 teams representing 26 different Law Schools/Departments around Bangladesh participated in this competition.

The School of Law team won the Law Olympiad Champions trophy for the third consecutive year in October 2019. The Olympiad is organised every year by the Society for Critical Legal Studies, Department of Law, Chittagong University, in Chittagong.

2. Research Activities, Grants and Awards

Mostafa Hossain, Assistant Professor

1. The winner of the UNODC-E4J/IAU competition 2019, (out of more than 140 faculties from all over the world) organized by the Education for Justice Initiative (E4J) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
2. Participated in the Summer School on Continental Shelf held in Arusha, Tanzania on 1-7 September: Organized by University of Faroe

Island and awarded the Government of Faroe Island Scholarship.

Farhaan Uddin Ahmed, Lecturer

1. Full Scholarship to attend the 17th Course on Internal Displacement [November 25 - 29, 2019]
2. Emer de Vattel Scholarship [July 8 - 26, 2019]:

Publications

Op Eds:

Professor K, Shamsuddin Mahmood:

1. ANATOMY OF CONTRACT ACT 1872: Should mala fide intention be restrained? Published on New Age Newspaper, January 12, 2019, <http://www.newagebd.net/article/61517/should-mala-fide-intention-be-restrained>
2. Bede community: The victims of urbanization, Daily Star Newspaper, January 29, 2019, <https://www.thedailystar.net/law-our-rights/news/bede-community-the-victims-urbanisation-1694062>
3. Rethinking miscarriage of justice, Daily Star Newspaper, July 16, 2019 <https://www.thedailystar.net/law-our-rights/news/rethinking-miscarriage-justice-1772026>
4. COMMON CIVIL CODE: Can one set of secular law be feasible?, New Age Newspaper, October 08, 2019, <https://www.newagebd.net/article/86919/can-one-set-of-secular-law-be-feasible>

Mostafa Hossain, Assistant Professor

1. Revisiting Small Causes Courts Act, July 5, 2019 <https://www.thedailystar.net/law-our-rights/law-watch/news/revisiting-small-causes-courts-act-1739668>

Farhaan Uddin Ahmed, Lecturer

1. 'Shamima Begum may be a Bangladeshi Citizen After All' European Journal of International Law: Talk! (March 14, 2019) - The blog post was ranked 12th on the list of 20 Most Read Posts in 2019.
2. 'Folk Fest Registration Controversy Exemplifies the Need for Data Protection Law' The Daily Star (November 19, 2019)

Journal Articles

Sazeeda Johura Thakur, Lecturer

1. Women's Participation in Bangladesh's Labour Market, E-Journal of International and Comparative Labour Studies, Volume 8, N. 3 September-October 2019
2. The Child Labour in Bangladesh: A Challenge to develop the current position by Labour Law, Australasian Journal of Business, Social Science and Information Technology, Aus. J. Bus. Sco S. & IT. Vol 5(1), April 2019, P 27-35

Conference/ Seminar/Workshop Proceedings

Dr. Saira Rahman Khan, Professor

1. Presented a paper on 'Refugee Rights and State Responsibilities' at a seminar on 'Rohingya Crisis and Rational Approaches' at the Auditorium of BracU on October 22, 2019.
2. Presented a paper on 'Pride and Toxicity' as designated discussant at "Alaap 2: Don't you know you are toxic?", organized by the Anthropology forum of BracU, 5 December 2019.

Mostafa Hossain, Assistant Professor

1. Shalish: A Traditional Dispute Settlement Mechanism to Shrink the Challenges of Modern Formal Judicial System, presented at 16th ASLI Annual Conference, held on June 11th and 12th 2019, in collaboration with National University of Singapore.
2. Protection of Refugees in South Asia: Questing for A Regional Approach, presented at the First conference of Asian Association of Law Professors, held on July 9th and 10th, 2019 in collaboration with Kathmandu School of Law, Kathmandu, Nepal.
3. Challenges of regulating refugees in South Asia: Perspectives of Bangladesh, presented at International Conference on Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh, organized by North South University in collaboration with UNHCR, held on July 27-28, 2019.
4. Prosecution for violation of Human Rights, The Rohingya crisis in context, organized by BILIA, available at <https://www.thedailystar.net/law-our-rights/news/bilia-holds-symposium-rohingya-crisis-1691740>

5. Delivered lecture at First Environmental Autumn School, organized by SED Foundation, held in September 28, 2019.
6. Delivered lecture on Understanding Sustainable Development Goals, at the 14th ESDR held in Kathmandu Law School, Kathmandu, Nepal on December 30th, 2019.

Saimum Reza Talukder, Senior Lecturer

1. Took session on "Policy Gap Mapping on Online Safety for Children in Bangladesh" at a seminar jointly organized by INSPIRA Consultancy Limited and UNICEF Bangladesh. (February 5, 2019)
2. Took session on the "Digital Rights and Responsibilities" at United International University of Bangladesh under the project "Youth Intervention for Peace and Harmony: Building Bridges for Prevention of Extremism & Radicalism in Bangladesh". (March 18, 2019)
3. Designated discussant at 'Review and Analysis of the Digital Security Act 2018, Information and Communications Technology Act 2006 and Pornography Control Act 2012', jointly organized by Ain-O-Salish Kendra and Terre des hommes Netherlands. (July 10, 2019)
4. Gave lecture on 'Technology Mediated Violence against Woman in Bangladesh' at daylong workshop organized by Article 19, Bangladesh Office. (September 23, 2019)
5. Gave lecture on 'Re-thinking Rights and Responsibilities in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data', a session organized by EMK Center, Dhaka. (October 24, 2019)
6. Gave lecture on 'Freedom of Expression vs Personal Boundary in Cyberspace: How to Maintain a Healthy Balance?' At the 'Peace Summit 5', jointly organized by Preneur Lab and EMK center Dhaka. (November 23, 2019)

Sazeeda Johura Thakur, Lecturer

1. Social Dialogue: A New Dimension for Industrial Relations, 'Labour is not a commodity' Today: The Value of Work and its Rules between Innovation and Tradition, organised by ADAPT's International School of Higher Education in Labour and Industrial Relations, in partnership with the International Labour

Organisation (ILO) and CIELO Laboral Network, with the support of the World Employment Confederation (WEC), 28-30 November 2019

2. Women's liberation in Industrial Sector of Bangladesh, The Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Business and Management (ICBM 2019), Organised by BRAC Business School, BRAC University, April 26-27, 2019

Anusheh Ali, Lecturer

1. Presented a paper on 'Normalisation of Intimate Partner Violence in Bangladesh' at the Gender Studies 2019 Conference: On Violence held at the University of Helsinki, Finland.

Research Activities

Dr. Saira Rhaman Khan, Professor

1. Lead researcher for Bangladesh for a tri-country research on the 'Impact of Non-State Actors on the activities of NGOs and Civil Society in Bangladesh, Palestine and Zimbabwe' Conducted by the international organisation CIVICUS World Alliance for Citizen Partnership.
2. Coordinating an on-going research being carried out by five students of the School of Law on the legal rights of transgender persons for the NGO Bandhu Social Welfare Society.

Saimum Reza Talukder, Senior Lecturer

1. Served as short-term Research Assistant at a research project on "Study on the impact of non-state actors on NGO and civil society", conducted by "CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation".
2. Reviewed and analyzed Information and Communication Technology Act 2006, Pornography Control Act 2012, Digital Security Act 2018 under the study 'Sexual Exploitation of Children Online and in Travel and Tourism', jointly conducted by Ain-O-Salish Kendra and Terre des hommes, Netherlands.
3. Did Policy Gap Mapping on Online safety for Children in Bangladesh, organized by the Inspira Advisory & Consulting Limited under the supervision of UNICEF Bangladesh.
4. Developed educational contents on Internet Safety under the initiative on "Protection of Digital Footprint", conducted by the South Asia Center for Media in Development (SACMID)

Courses/Seminar/Conferences Organised and Attended

K. Shamsuddin Mahmood, Professor and Dean

1. Co-ordinated and Attended the Discussion on The Recent Publication Related To Legal Citation organised by the School of Law on January 17, 2019.
2. Attended and contributed to the creation of the First Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed Memorial Moot Court Competition 2019, organised by the School of Law on January 25 to 26, 2019.
3. Co-ordinated a Distinguished Lecture on "Land Law in Bangladesh: Evolution and Development", Lecture Delivered by Md. Khalilur Rahman, Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh organised by the School of Law on October 5, 2019.
4. Co-ordinated the Second Certification Program On 'Industrial Dispute Settlement: Social Dialogue And Human Resource Management', organised by the School of Law on November 1 to 2, 2019.

Dr. Saira Rahman Khan, Professor

3. Co-organised and facilitated a discussion on 'The Rohingya Issue in light of the International Criminal Court', by two International Criminal Court lawyers from Doughty Street Chambers, London, 13 June 2019 at the University
4. Attended the Committee against Torture hearing on Bangladesh on July 30, 2019 at the Palais des Nations, Geneva.
5. Co-organised a seminar on 'Rohingya Crisis and Rational Approaches' where the chief guest was Mr. Saad Hammadi, Regional Campaigner for South Asia, Amnesty International, on October 22, 2019.

Mostafa Hossein, Assistant Professor

6. Joined as panellist in the session titled 'Foreign Direct Investment in Developing Countries with special reference to Asia', held on July 7, 2019 in Kathmandu Law School, Kathmandu, Nepal.
7. Joined as panellist in the session titled 'The Way Forward in Realizing Asian Century', held on July 10, 2019 in Kathmandu Law School, Kathmandu, Nepal.
8. Organized and moderated the seminar titled Discussion on the recent publication related to

legal citation, held on January 17, 2019. The presence of Mr. Justice Mirza Hossain Haider of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh as chief guest; guests include Dean of Faculty of Law, Jagannath University Mrs Christine Richardson; Chairman of Department of Law and Justice of Jahangirnagar University Mr. K M Shazzad Mohashin, Associate Professor Dr. Ridwanul Islam from North South University and many others made the event successful.

9. Organized distinguished Lecture on 'South Asian Jurisprudence A New Perspective' (Organized by School of Law, BracU on March 23rd 2019): The lecture was delivered by Professor Dr. Yubaraj Sangroula, Director and Principle, Kathmandu Law School & former Attorney General for the Government of Nepal.

Saimum Reza Talukder, Senior Lecturer

1. Co- organized and facilitated the talk on Rohingya Issue by two International Criminal Court lawyers from Doughty Street Chambers, London (June 13, 2019)
2. Organized discussion session on "Safe Internet and Fair Use of Social Media" at the Indoor Games Room of BracU on March 5, 2019
3. Co- Organized a seminar on 'The Rohingya Issue: Rational responses', a joint initiative by the BRAC University Law Society and South Asia office of the Amnesty International on October 22, 2019.
4. Represented the Office of the Proctor as designated discussant at "Alaap 2: Don't you know you are toxic?", organized by the Anthropology forum of BracU. (December 5, 2019)

Sazeeda Johura Thakur, Lecturer

1. Training coordinator for organizing Second Certification Program on "Industrial Dispute Settlement: Social Dialogue and Human Resource Management" November 01-02, 2019
2. Participated and completed PhD Colloquium and Paper Producing Workshop, April 25, 2019
3. Member of the Organization Committee of the First Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed Memorial Moot Court Competition 2019.

S.M Hasib Mahmud, Lecturer

1. Lead the Organising Committee of the First Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed Memorial Moot Court Competition 2019 during January 25-26, 2019
2. Organised the Second Intra University Moot Court Competition during July 19-20, 2019

Anusheh Ali, Lecturer

1. Member of the Organization Committee of the First Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed Memorial Moot Court Competition 2019.

Farhaan Uddin Ahmed, Lecturer

1. Attended the 17th Course on Internal Displacement [November 25 - 29, 2019] - International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, Italy:

The Course provided specialised training on the international norms underpinning the protection of internally displaced persons, the use and implementation of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, establishing or improving existing protection frameworks.

2. Attended the Summer Course, Public International Law Session + Directed Studies [8 - 26 July 2019] at The Hague Academy of International Law, The Hague, Netherlands

The three-week long program is one of the oldest and prestigious training program in international law. It consists of lectures on a multitude of general or special topics of public international law delivered by the foremost scholars and practitioners of international law.

Service to the University

K. Shamsuddin Mahmood, Professor and Dean

1. Regularly providing legal advice and vetting MoUs and Contracts/Documents etc. for the B r a c U M a n a g e m e n t a n d Schools/Departments/Institutes in general.
2. Active Member of -
 - Brac University Academic Council
 - Brac University Disciplinary Committee
 - Brac University 13th Convocation Committee (held on November 23rd, 2019)
 - Oversee/Looking after School of Law's
 - o Law Society Advisory Committee

- o Academic Coordination Committee
- o Course Moderation Committee
- o Research Evaluation Committee
- o Syllabus Committee

Dr. Saira Rahman Khan

1. Adviser, BRACU Law Society till Fall 2019. Had been Adviser for the last 10 years.
2. Reviewed and Revised the BracU Plagiarism Policy, the Sexual Harassment Policy and the Student Code of Conduct for the office of the Pro Vice Chancellor.
3. Created information brochures on identifying and preventing sexual harassment and on how to prevent bullying, for the Office of the Proctor.
4. Member of the General Education Committee for the School of Law.
5. Course coordinator and Adviser for the School of Law freshers.
6. On the Advising Panel for the BiLD Journal, a Law journal published by the Bangladesh Institute for Legal Development.
7. Coached three teams for the SCLS Law Olympiad held at East Delta University and organised by the Society for Critical Legal Studies, Department of Law, Chittagong University, on October 18-19, 2019. All three teams were included in the top 10 positions, with one team winning the Champions Trophy.
8. Judge in the final round of the first Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed Memorial Moot Court Competition, held on January 25 - 26, 2019.
9. Co-organised BRACU Club Fair of Fall 2019 as Advisor of the BRAC University Law Society, September 29 to October 1, 2019.

Mostafa Hossein, Assistant Professor

1. Guided and performed as coach of the Moot Court Team of School of Law who were qualified and participated in the Prestigious Asia Cup Moot Court Competition as the only Bangladeshi team, held in Tokyo, Japan on August 6 and 7, 2019.
2. Graced as Judge in the First Ever National Law Fest 2019 (Organized by BUP, held on September 15 to 17, 2019)

3. Has been a Judge at the First Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed Memorial Moot Court Competition 2019 (held on January 25-26th, 2019)

Saimum Reza Talukder

1. Serving as Assistant Proctor at the Office of the Proctor, BRAC University (Since November 2019)
2. Served as member of the GenEd Assessment Committee of SoL till Fall 2019
3. Served as Co-Advisor, BracU Law Society from Spring 2018 to Fall 2019.
4. Served as the coach of School of Law mooting team in "1st NILS LWM IHL Moot Court Competition" organized by the Liberation War Museum. The team got Best Memorial award. (April 4 to 6, 2019)
5. Co - Organized BracU Club Fair of Fall 2019 as a Co-Advisor of the BracU Law Society. (September 29 to October 1, 2019)

7. Served as the coach of School of Law mooting team in "2nd DUMCS-TIB Anti-Corruption Moot Court Competition 2019", organized by Dhaka University Moot Court Society and Transparency International Bangladesh. The team became runner-up among 26 teams representing 26 different law schools. (November 28 to 30, 2019)

Anusheh Ali

1. Served as a semi-final judge at the Intra LCLS South Moot Court Competition 2019
2. Faculty advisor of 'Acumen', the BRAC University Law Club Newsletter

S. M. Hasib Mahmud

1. Served on the 13th Convocation Committee
2. Became Adviser of the BracU Law Society in Fall 2019.



Inspiring Excellence

Departments

Department of Architecture (ARC)

Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)

Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS)

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE)

Department of English and Humanities (ENH)

Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS)

Department of Pharmacy (PHR)

Department of Architecture



The School of Architecture and Design includes the Department of Architecture offering an undergraduate degree through a five-year curriculum of Bachelor of Architecture program, a Postgraduate Program in Disaster Management (PPDM) offering Graduate degrees, and an Interior Design Program offering Certificate programs in Interior Design.

Department of Architecture

2019 was a year of continued effort for the Department of Architecture to uphold its vibrant and excellent academic environment. In the studios and lecture courses, creativity was inspired, search for the unknown was encouraged and grounding in the context was emphasized. An air of creativity flowed from studio to studio, which was visible at the exhibitions of the student works. *Arch Week 2019* was organized at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy to showcase students' works and other activities. This inspired the whole student body towards design excellence. The student design works stressed on thorough understanding and analyses of the aesthetic, functional, environmental and contextual considerations in totality. The teachers, as always, were devoted to quench the students' thirst for knowledge. Additionally, in the studios, the challenges of a rapidly developing country were dovetailed with the awareness of global trends in architecture and technology.

The department started its journey 17 years ago in 2002 with 17 students and 3 teachers with a lot of enthusiasm, dedication, goodwill and commitment to create something new and different; and now shows a positive achievement towards that goal. It now has about 400 students and 18 highly qualified teachers. The total number of graduates in architecture till now is 429. To further develop the department, the utmost importance is now being given to upholding the academic standards by revisiting and revising the curriculum, the rules and regulations of the submissions and the attendance. Besides, students and teachers continue to contribute to co-curricular activities as well as community service works.

The Department of Architecture offers undergraduate degrees through a five-year curriculum of Bachelor of Architecture program.

Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management, PPDM

The Department of Architecture at Brac University is the pioneer in running a postgraduate program in disaster management in the region. PPDM started in 2005 with a view to create qualified professionals in this nationally and internationally significant field. PPDM has both degree and certificate courses with 60 Master's degree holders and over one hundred certificate degree holders to its credit so far. PPDM

collaborates with other internationally important organizations in various workshops, training, seminars, conferences.

Interior Design Program

School of Architecture and Design launched its Certificate Program in Interior Design in Fall 2019. Faculty members include senior faculty from the Department of Architecture as well as well-known architects and interior designers of the country. Students who have Bachelor's degrees in various undergraduate programs are selected on the basis of their creative portfolios and interviews.

International internship opportunities

The Department of Architecture arranges internships for students in international along with national architectural firms. In 2019, students obtained practical training in several European and Asian countries. Some of the key names providing internship opportunities in 2019 included Vastu Shilpa Consultants, India.

Achievements

- Department of Architecture celebrated its journey of sixteen years through 'Arch Week 2019' on February 17th to 20th, 2019 at the Chitrashala Enclave of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy. Arch Week 2019, a four-day event included exhibition of student and alumni projects, Angan architectural Lectures, Arch. KIDs outreach program, Design Charrette student competition, launching of Folio 2 showcasing student projects, and a cultural event.

- Department of Architecture and JPGSPH of BracU with UDP BRAC became FINALIST in the 'Million Cool Roofs' Challenge international competition. On the margins of Climate Week, the Million Cool Roofs Challenge finalists joined the Induction Workshop to kick off the main implementation and scaling phase of the challenge. Professor Zainab Faruqui Ali and Dr. Atonu Rabbani, of JPGMPH joined the Induction event and presented their proposal to all the team members and MCR representatives and experts.

- Professor Fuad H. Mallick, Dean, School of Architecture and Design (SoAD) was the Technical Reviewer for Al Fozan Award for Mosque Architecture Cycle 3 2019. Professor Mallick presented a lecture on "Transformation and Identity: Representation of Islamic Identity in Contemporary Mosques" (with Dr. Habib Reza) at a workshop on 'Standards for Mosque Architecture'

in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on November 20, 2019. Professor Mallick also chaired a session on "Infrastructures Standards for Mosques" at the event.

- Professor Fuad H. Mallick was appointed the Chair, Board of Architectural Education of the Institute of Architects, Bangladesh.

- Professor Fuad H. Mallick was the Convener, Seminar Committee of the ARCASIA Forum 20 Conference held in Dhaka in November 2019.

- Department of Architecture organized Book Launching Ceremony of 'Bashirul Haq Architect' in July at Chhayanaut, Dhanmondi. Bashirul Haque was an eminent architect and educator. The monograph 'Bashirul Haq Architect' is edited by Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed and Sheikh Rubaiya Sultana.

- Department of Architecture organized a workshop on 'Sharing Best Practices in Design Studio Teaching' in January 2019 at GDLN conference room, UB02, BracU. Twenty-six faculty members, both in-house and external, participated in the workshop. The workshop was facilitated by Professor Zainab Faruqui Ali.

- In June 2019, a seminar and workshop on "Preventing Terrorism & Extremism by Community Engagement" was organized by Postgraduate Programs in Disaster Management (PPDM) BracU, in collaboration with Community Development for Peace (CDP) and the Anti-Terrorism Unit of Bangladesh Police, at the BracU Auditorium. The main purpose of the event was to encourage and enable young minds to resist terrorism and extremism in the society. Ambassadors and High commissioners of a number of foreign countries attended the inaugural and closing ceremonies.

- Professor Zainab Faruqui Ali, was invited by Graduate School of Media and Governance at KEIO University, Tokyo, Japan as a Guest Professor to deliver a number of lectures on 'Disaster risk reduction and management in Bangladesh', 'Disaster resilience Brac University story', 'Climate change mitigation and architects' role', 'Learning from tradition and contemporary applications'.

- Professor Zainab Faruqui Ali attended the International Workshop on Models for Multinational Collaboration on Disaster Resilience at The Institute for Disaster Management and Reconstruction (IDMR), Sichuan University, Chengdu, China held in June 2019.

- Dr. Huraera Jabeen, served as a member of the Environment and urbanization Awareness Committee of the Institute of Architects, Bangladesh. As a member she organized workshop and urban design guidelines for the Mayors of Dhaka city and developed proposal for Socially Responsive Design Studio.

- Saiqa Iqbal Meghna, Assistant Professor, was an invited panellist at Discussion Program on Women in Architecture, Bangladesh 2019 organized by Institute of Architects Bangladesh. Saiqa Iqbal Meghna, designed the Public Exhibition Pavilion and a Playscape for International Event ARCASIA DHAKA 2019.

- Dilruba Ferdous Shuvra, Assistant Professor, attended KAARWAN Winter School 2019 at Bhutan. The event included workshops, Lectures, cultural and religious events and exhibitions of Bhutanese Traditional Architecture. Dilruba Ferdous Shuvra also attended Training Workshop on World Heritage Management organized by Department of Archaeology and UNESCO Dhaka Office at Dhaka and Sonargaon.

- School of Architecture and Design (SoAD) held 'Design Conversations', a series of talks and discussions focussing on design issues. 5 sessions on 'Non-Linear Design Thinking' and 4 sessions on 'Creative Communications' under this series were held in 2019.

- Architect Khaled Noman AIA conducted a one-day workshop on 'Eye of the Architect', in December 2019.

Research Activities, Grants and Awards

- Professor Zainab Faruqui Ali is conducting Million Cool Roofs Challenge action research project as a Co-Principle Investigator where many faculty members are working as team members. This project will implement applying cool roof coating to Karail slum houses and a few garment factory buildings that would provide much cooler thermal environment indoors than non-coated buildings.

- Dr. Huraera Jabeen, Associate Professor of the Department of Architecture was invited by the Royal Academy of Engineering, UK to attend a symposium Frontiers of Development: The Urban Opportunity for Building a Resilient Future that took place at the Heriot-Watt Campus in Putrajaya, Malaysia from July 23 -26, 2019.

- Dr. Huraera Jabeen will be a Co-PI in the research project 'Mobilising Women: Navigating Urban Infrastructures and Resilience in Dhaka, Bangladesh' in collaboration with the University of Sheffield, UK. She will be involved in another project titled 'Pathways to Sustainability in Post-industrial Cities of the Global South' led by Durham University, UK.

- Dr. Mohammad Habib Reza, Associate Professor attended GAHTC's Fifth Members' Conference hosted by the School of Architecture of the University of Miami, USA April 2019.

Publications

Refereed Journal Paper

- Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed, Associate Professor of the Department of Architecture, published a paper titled "Craftsman, informal heritage management and social capital in conserving chini-tikri work of Kosaituli mosque, Old Dhaka, Bangladesh" in Journal of Cultural Heritage Management and Sustainable Development.

- Dr. Huraera Jabeen, Associate Professor of the Department of Architecture, published a paper titled "Gendered space and climate resilience in informal settlements in Khulna City, Bangladesh" in the Journal Environment and Urbanization.

- Dr. Imon Chowdhoree, Assistant Professor of the Department of Architecture, published a paper titled "Indigenous knowledge for enhancing community resilience: An experience from the south-western coastal region of Bangladesh" in International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction.

Book on progress

- Dr. Imon Chowdhoree and Shams Monsoor Ghani are co-editing a book, titled "External Interventions for Disaster Risk Reduction: Impacts on Local Communities", which will be published from Springer as a part of its book series 'Advances in 21st Century Settlements'. It will be published in 2020.

Design Activities

- BracU Main Cafeteria Renovation

Renovation of the existing Main Cafeteria was designed and supervised by lecturers Samiur Rahman Bhuiyan, Md. Zillur Rahman, and adjunct faculty Md. Hafiz Hasan.

- Moot Court, School of Law

A new Moot Court for the School of Law was designed and supervised by Lecturer Md. Samiur Rahman Bhuiyan, and Teaching Assistant Emmat Ara Khanam.

- Students' Lounge, Building 4, BracU
- A Students' Lounge in Building 4 was designed supervised by lecturer S M Kaikobad.

Other activities

Student Awards

- 'Swikriti Award 2019' was introduced to recognize excellence in Design and Graphics at the third year level. The Alumni of the Department of Architecture, BU who are studying and working in North America, generously donated the award fund. Rubaiat Kamal Meem received the award in Design Category while Ayasha Siddiqua Oishi received the award in Graphics Category.

- 'Excellence in Design' award for studio projects, introduced in Fall 2018 to be given in each semester, continued successfully in 2019 to recognize excellence in the design studios. The certificates were awarded to 5 students of 1st through 5th year curriculum.

- The certificate giving ceremony of the 'Rafiq Azam Travel Bursary' for the Students of Architecture 2019 was held at the Muzharul Islam exhibition gallery of the department. The jury members selected Rubaiat Kamal Meem as the recipient for the next cycle.

- The certificate giving ceremony of the 'Noman Award for Excellence in Design 2019' was held at the Muzharul Islam exhibition gallery. The jury selected Faiyaz Hasnain Khan as the winner of the final year design project.

Student Installation project

Large scale Installation projects at the Savar Residential campus was designed and built by students of architecture in Fall 2019.

PPDM activities

A number of outreach events and seminars were held under PPDM. Teachers and students took part in seminars and workshops in the country and abroad.

Study tours

Students of ARC 327 course visited Northern part of Bangladesh as part of their Bengal study tour to observe and identify the ancient monuments of Bengal. Students of first year architecture, as part of their curriculum, took part in the study tours of historical and modern architecture of the country.

Town hall Meeting

The Town hall Meeting 'Boithok 2' of Summer 2019 of the Department of Architecture was held on July 9, 2019 at the BracU auditorium. The purpose of this meeting was to have a dialogue between the students and the teachers of the department. Professor Zainab Faruqui Ali, the Chairperson of the department welcomed the students to the event with a few inspirational thoughts.

Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE) is dedicated to educating students on the fundamental principles of computer science and engineering and thereby providing them with the cutting-edge skills required to solve complex social problems. In addition, the department has made active contributions to the development and progress of computer science, software, and information technology through comprehensive academic programs, research and publications in collaboration with relevant industries, NGOs and the government. CSE aims to cultivate innovative solutions and activities that affect students and society in a transformative way.

Departmental Leadership:

CSE is led by Professor Mahbub Majumdar, PhD and is assisted by Ms. Sadia Hamid Kazi, Deputy Chairperson and Assistant Professor, CSE. Together they strive to bring significant changes to the department so as to enhance the quality of the graduates to keep up with the changing job market. In order to achieve this, the department has taken steps to recruit faculty and staff with high qualifications and specialized skills, encourage peer observation in the classroom, improve cooperation with the industry, introduce world-class research laboratories to educate students on the latest research trends, and more. Additionally, Dr. Amitabha Chakrabarty, Associate Professor, CSE discharges the role of the coordinator of M.Sc/M.Engg in Computer Science and Engineering and Master of Computer Applications (MCA) programs, and Mr. Annajiat Alim Rasel, Lecturer, CSE serves as the coordinator of undergraduate programs.

Academic Programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (B.Sc in CS)
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (B.Sc in CSE)
- Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (M.Sc in CSE)

- Master of Engineering in Computer Science and Engineering (M.Engg. in CSE)
- Master in Computer Applications (MCA)

Research Activities, Grants and Awards in 2019 :

Research Activities:

1. Dr. Md. Ashrafal Alam has been serving as a Committee Member for a government project "Sheikh Hasina Institute of Frontier Technology" proposed by the Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority, ICT Division, The People's Republic of Bangladesh (Reference no. 56.02.0000.007.14.062.17.197) since November 11, 2019.
2. Dr. Md. Ashrafal Alam worked as a Technical Program Committee (TPC) Member for the International Conference on Sustainable Technologies for Industry 4.0 (STI 2019) held from December 24 to 25, 2019.
3. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Hossain was a member of the Technical Program Committee at International Workshop on Computer Vision and Intelligent Systems-2019.
4. Dr. Md. Golam Rabiul Alam supervised 15 research groups during 2019.
5. Sabrina Zaman Ishita worked as a reviewer at International Conference on Innovation in Engineering and Technology (ICIET) 2019 held at University of Dhaka.
6. Sabrina Zaman Ishita completed her grant research in February 2019 after working on it for one year. In 2018, she won this grant as the only female recipient of the High Profile ICT Scholar Fellowship 2018.
7. Ipshita Bonhi Upoma gave a poster presentation on Higher Derivative Gravity and Cosmological Inflation Theory at the The Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), School on Geometry and Gravity, Trieste, Italy.

Awards, Grants and Honorable Mentions:

1. Dr. Md. Golam Rabiul Alam received BRAC University Research Grant as a co-researcher with Dr. Md. Khalilur Rahman for the project "Rescue Bot", a project on assisting secondary disaster situations.
2. Dr. Md. Golam Rabiul Alam received the Best Paper Award in ICCIT 2019. It was held at South-East University, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
3. Dr. Md. Ashraful Alam was awarded the Ministry of Science and Technology Special Research Grant: 2019-2020 [Grant No. 39.00.0000.009.06.024.19/ES393]. The project title was "Evaluation of Earthquake Resistance of Urban Buildings in Dhaka City using Image Processing and Machine Learning Techniques" and the main investigator and co-investigator were Dr. Alam and Mostafijur Rahman Akhond, respectively.
4. Dr. Md. Ashraful Alam received a special grant as an invited speaker at SPIE Defense + Commercial Sensing 2019 held in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, April 2019. He also received a Brac University Faculty Travel Grant to attend and speak at SPIE Photonics West 2019, San Francisco, CA, USA, in February, 2019.

Achievements in 2019:

List of publications (2019)

1. Muhammad Iqbal Hossain, Woo Jin Lee, "Integration testing based on indirect interaction for embedded systems", International Journal of Reconfigurable and Embedded Systems, vol.8, Issue 2, pp.86-98, July 2019.
2. ABMA Azmee, PP Choudhury, MA Alam, O Dutta, MI Hossain, "Performance analysis for machine learning algorithms for predicting Malware", Presented at 6th International Conference on Networking, Systems and Security, 2019.
3. K Ishfaque Qamar, S Kamonashish, S Jushan, MI Hossain, "Prediction of Acute Lymphoid Leukemia using Convolutional Neural Network", International Workshop on

Computer Vision and Intelligent Systems, 2019.

4. Faisal Bin Ashraf, Rasif Ajwad, and M. A. Mottalib. "A novel gene-tree based approach to infer relations among disease-genes across different cancer types." In 2019 International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Engineering (ECCE), pp. 1-5. IEEE, Coxsbazar, Bangladesh, 2019.
5. Abdullah, Faisal Bin Ashraf, and Nusrat Suzana Momo. "Comparative analysis on Prediction Models with various Data Preprocessings in the Prognosis of Cervical Cancer." In 2019 10th International Conference on Computing, Communication and Networking Technologies (ICCCNT), pp. 1-6. IEEE, Kanpur, India, 2019.
6. Fahim Faisal, Shafkat Ahmed Bhuiyan, Faisal Bin Ashraf, and Abu Raihan Mostofa Kamal. "A Framework For Disease Identification From Unstructured Data Using Text Classification And Disease Knowledge Base." In 2019 5th International Conference on Advances in Electrical Engineering (ICAEE), pp. 547-554. IEEE, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2019.
7. Md Rayhan Kabir, Faisal Bin Ashraf, and Rasif Ajwad. "Analysis of Different Predicting Model for Online Shoppers' Purchase Intention from Empirical Data." In 2019 22nd International Conference on Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT), pp. 1-6. IEEE, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2019.
8. Raihanoor Reza Rayon, Joydhrithi Choudhury, Md Tawhidul Islam, Tanzima Rahman Roshni, Faisal Bin Ashraf, Rasif Ajwad, and Md Abdul Mottalib. "Identifying the best metrics to find the best quality clusters of genes from gene expression data." In Proceedings of the 2019 6th International Conference on Bioinformatics Research and Applications, pp. 43-48., Seoul, South Korea, 2019.
9. Asif Ahmed Sohan, Mohammad Ali, Fahiha Fairouz, Adham Ibrahim Rahman, Amitabha Chakrabarty, and Md Rayhan Kabir. "Indoor Positioning Techniques using RSSI from

- Wireless Devices." presented at 22nd International Conference on Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT). IEEE, Dhaka, Bangladesh (2019).
10. Farhana Shahid, Wasifur Rahman, Anika Binte Islam, Nipi Paul, Nabila Khan, Mohammad Saifur Rahman, Md Munirul Haque, and A. B. M. Alim Al Islam. 2019. Two Tell-tale Perspectives of PTSD: Neurobiological Abnormalities and Bayesian Regulatory Network of the Underlying Disorder in a Refugee Context. In Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT' 19). Vol. 3, No. 3, Article 101 (September 2019).
 11. Nadia Rubaiyat, Anika Islam Apsara, Abdullah Al Farabe, Ifaz Ishtiaq, "Classification and prediction of Orthopedic disease based on lumbar and pelvic state of patients," presented at the IEEE International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Technologies (ICECCT), Coimbatore, Kerala, India (2019).
 12. M. F. Bin Tarek, M. Asaduzzaman and M. Patwary, "Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Large Air Pollution Data," 2018 10th International Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering (ICECE), Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2018, pp. 221-224, doi: 10.1109/ICECE.2018.8636696.
 13. M. R. Islam, M. S. Islam and N. Sakeef, "RNA Secondary Structure Prediction with Pseudoknots using Chemical Reaction Optimization Algorithm" in IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics.
 14. Md. Al-Amin, Dewan Ziaul Karim, Tasfia Anika Bushra, "Prediction of Rice Disease from Leaves using Deep Convolution Neural Network towards a Digital Agricultural System", accepted and presented for publication in IEEE 22nd International Conference of Computer and Information Technology (ICCIT), December, 2019, Bangladesh.
 15. Nafis Neehal, Dewan Ziaul Karim, Sejuti Banik, Tasfia Anika, "Runtime Optimization of Identification Event in ECG Based Biometric Authentication", in IEEE International Conference on Electrical, Computer and Communication Engineering (ECCE), February 2019, Bangladesh.
 16. Sabrina Zaman Ishita, Chowdhury Farhan Ahmed, Carson K. Leung, Calvin H. S. Hoi, "Mining Regular High Utility Sequential Patterns in Static and Dynamic Databases", presented at the 13th International Conference on Ubiquitous Information Management and Communication (IMCOM), Phuket, Thailand (2019)
 17. Yousuf Hossain, Ismail Hossain, Mriduk Banik, Ishan Arefin Hossain and Amitabha Chakrabarty, "Embedded System based Bangla Intelligent Social Virtual Robot with Sentiment Analysis," 2018 Joint 7th International Conference on Informatics, Electronics & Vision (ICIEV) and 2018 2nd International Conference on Imaging, Vision & Pattern Recognition (icIVPR), Kitakyushu, Japan, 2018, pp. 322-327. doi: 10.1109/ICIEV.2018.8641023
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Student and Faculty Successes:

1. Team JHO, consisting of Mohshi Masnad, Md. Nafiz Hasan Khan, A.M. Esfar-E-Alam, and Dewan Ziaul Karim, from School of Data & Sciences, BRACU secured honorable mention in Ideas for Action (I4A) 2019.
2. Team 'Ducks in Dogelus' was placed in the top 45 among 4000 projects from Bangladesh in the NASA International Space Apps Challenge 2019. The project name was LIFE and the team members were Shadman Shahriar Hasan Arko, Ishrak Chowdhury, Md Ekramul Hossain Khan, and S Farhan Ahmed along with Dr. Md. Ashraful Alam as their supervisor. [<https://2019.spaceappschallenge.org/challenges/planets-near-and-far/build-planet-workshop/teams/ducks-in-disguise/project>]
3. The BRACU_GreenPower team became Champion in HackNSU which was hosted by ACM Student Chapter of North South University on April 4, 2019. The team members of BRACU_GreenPower are Razin Bin Issa (CSE), S.M. Mashrur Ahmed (CSE), Zareef Jafar (CSE) and Sagar Mazumder (EEE).
4. Dr. Md. Ashraful Alam attended a conference on "SPIE Photonics West 2019" as a speaker. The conference was held at the Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA, USA from February 2 to 7, 2019. SPIE is the world's largest society for Optical engineering and Photonics, including imaging science.

Other highlights:

1. Workshop on "Deep Learning for Machine Vision, Cloud Computing and Networking", was organized by Computer Club and CVIS Lab, BRACU. It was conducted by Dr. Md. Golam Rabiul Alam.
2. Dr. Md. Golam Rabiul Alam organized International Workshop on Computer Vision and Intelligent Systems (IWCVIS 2019) at BRACU. He discharged the role of as Technical Committee-Chair. The workshop

was sponsored by IEEE Bangladesh section, BUCC and CVIS Lab, BRACU.

3. International Workshop on Computer Vision and Intelligent Systems (IWCVIS 2019), was arranged on the December 26, 2019, BRAC University. The program was chaired by Sadia Hamid Kazi and co-chaired by Dr. Md. Ashraful Alam.
4. CVIS Hands on Training Program: Spring 2019, a 30-hour training conducted in 10 sessions, was organized by CVIS Research Lab of Computer Science and Engineering Department between March 13 and 30, 2019.
5. Computational Finance and Statistical Analysis (CFSA) research group in collaboration with Brac University Computer Club (BUCC) members organized a workshop on Micro-services & Scalable Design of Web Applications. The event was held on February 5, 2019.
6. CSE organised a workshop on assembly language programming for students using 10 new 8086 microprocessor kits at UB71201 on February 5, 2019.
7. A research group of Data Science and Big Data Analytics and BUCC members organized a workshop on Human-Centered Robotics. The event was held on February 14, 2019.
8. CSE department along with BUCC members organized a seminar on Importance and impact of the international Information Technology Engineer Examination (ITEE) on February 20, 2019. It was conducted by Yukinobu Miyamoto, Associate Professor, Kobe Institute of Computing (KIC).
9. The Information Security (INFOSEC) Research Lab of CSE department organized a seminar on "Cybersecurity Risks, Threats and Countermeasures" on March 6, 2019. The session was conducted by Mr. Azim U. Hoque, the Founder President of University IT Forum and Co-Founder of Cyber Security Forum.

10. Professor Jungpil Shin, PhD, University of Aizu, Japan visited CSE department and conducted a seminar on "Human Computer Interface: Action with Advanced Technology" on March 25, 2019. This seminar was organized by 'Multimedia Signal and Image Processing Research Group', led by Dr. Jia Uddin.
11. On April 2, 2019, CSE department and BUCC members jointly arranged a seminar on Bangladesh Japan ICT Engineers Training Program (B-JET). The chief guests of the seminar were Yuki Morishita, JICA Expert, Head of B-JET Admin Team and Mohammad Shamsus Saleehin Manager, HR and Admin, BJIT Ltd. And Program Coordinator, B-JET. The seminar was facilitated by Dr. Md Iftekharul Mobin, Assistant Professor, CSE and Annajiat Alim Rasel, Lecturer, CSE.
12. Dr. Mesbah Uddin, Japanese Robotics and AI Industry expert, ex-faculty member of Kyushu University, Japan visited BracU CSE department on June 23, 2019, and conducted a seminar on Collaboration Scope on Robotics and AI with Industries of Japan. 3rd and 4th year CSE students and CSE faculty members attended the seminar.
13. Dr. S.M.A Motakabber, Associate Professor of Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, International Islamic University, Malaysia visited CSE department on June 27, 2019, and conducted a seminar on Preparation for Post Graduate Admission in Abroad. Around 75 CSE students of the 3rd and 4th year along with CSE faculty members attended the seminar.
14. IEEE Brac University Computer Society in collaboration with Cloud Computing Research Group of CSE department organized its first seminar titled "A Framework for Assessing Credibility in Online Social Networks".
15. Mr. Harm Spoor, Sector Coordinator, PUM, Netherlands visited CSE department on July 10, 2019. PUM (Netherlands senior experts) is a voluntary organization committed to the

sustainable development of small and medium-sized enterprises in developing countries and emerging markets. Mr. Spoor is an IT expert of BASIS (Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services).

16. Cloud Computing Research Group of CSE department organized a seminar titled "Global Navigation Satellite Systems and Its Impact on Our Society". It was conducted by Dr. Mohammad Zahidul Hasan Bhuiyan, Research Manager, Finnish Geospatial Research Institute, Finland on July 23, 2019.
17. On July 27, 2019, a workshop on OpenStack Cloud System was jointly arranged by Cloud Computing and Networking Research Group (CCNRG), CSE department and OpenStack Bangladesh in association with BUCC. The facilitator of the program was Mr. Mobarak Hossain, Managing Director, Nationwide ISP & Data Center, Plexus Cloud Ltd.

Facts and Figures:

In 2019, a total of 1053 students got enrolled into the two CSE undergraduate programs - BSc in CS and BSc in CSE. 26 students got admitted in these postgraduate programs -MSc in CSE, MEngg in CSE and MCA. A total of 649 graduates from the undergraduate and postgraduate programs attended the 13th Convocation of BracU.

Faculty Overview:

The CSE department consists of 65 full-time faculty members, 13 of whom have PhD degrees. The department also had 25 contractual faculty members in Fall 2019. Professor Mahbub Majumdar was appointed as the Chairperson of CSE, effective from August 1, 2019. He is additionally serving as Interim Dean of the School of Sciences, effective from November 1, 2019. Professor Majumdar received his undergraduate degree from MIT, his MS from Stanford, and his PhD from Cambridge. Prior to this appointment, he has already been working as a full-time faculty member in the CSE department. Sadia Hamid Kazi, Assistant Professor, started serving as Deputy Chairperson in the department from August 1, 2019. Professor Arshad M. Chowdhury, PhD was named the inaugural Dean of the School of

Engineering and Computer Science, effective from September 1, 2019. Professor Chowdhury completed his PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, USA. He is the co-inventor of 15 granted US patents and has published more than 95 peer-reviewed journal articles and conference papers. Professor Chowdhury previously served as Dean of its School of Engineering and Physical Sciences from 2017 to 2019 at North South University. Details of other faculty members may be viewed on the website.

As part of building the sense of ownership among the faculty members, Professor Majumdar spearheaded the introduction of subtle but effective changes from the first day of his

appointment. During the past year, the CSE department empowered course coordinators to enhance the teaching qualities and share different teaching techniques among the faculty members. Question moderation system and uniform marking scheme for the semester examinations were also introduced. To ensure easy communication between all stakeholders of the department 'Slack' was introduced. The department hired ample TA's and contractual faculty members to make lab experience better for students. For graduate programs, the department collaborated with industrial partners such as Robi to help their employees to enroll in M.Sc programs and continue their higher education. The department also provided scholarships to junior faculty members to encourage them to complete their master's degree.

Department of Economics and Social Sciences

The vision of the department is to create graduates, with a thorough knowledge and understanding of their respective academic discipline, who will become future leaders and thinkers locally and globally and its mission is to provide students with a fully rounded and comprehensive, yet demanding and innovative degree that will instill the requisite knowledge, skills and tools needed to enable them to achieve their career and academic aims.

Founded in 2003, ESS faculty members and students have remained engaged in enhancing understanding of economic and social realities, both in Bangladesh and the globalized world, and to develop critical insights and analysis to help determine solutions. From October 2019, the existing collaboration with the Department of English and Humanities (ENH) was strengthened, as ESS, along with ENH, became part of the *School of Humanities and Social Sciences*.

2. Leadership: Other than the role of chairperson, Professor ATM Nurul Amin, three Program Coordinators - Professor Wasique Rahman Khan (Economics), Dr. Seuty Sabur (*Anthropology*), and Dr. Salma Begum (*MS in Applied Economics*) - Dr. Samia Huq, Associate Professor of Anthropology Program was appointed for a higher level leadership role as Director of General Education, and Interim Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

3. Academic Program(s): Currently ESS offers three academic programs: *BSS in Economics*, *BSS in Anthropology*, *MS in Applied Economics*. Besides, it offers three minors in Economics, Anthropology and Sociology.

4. Achievements

For the first time since establishment, a review of the BSS in Economics curriculum was completed. Revisions and updates of course contents for the BSS and Master's Economics courses and Anthropology courses were carried out by respective faculty members. MS in Applied Economics has been fully revived, and a dedicated master's program coordinator has been appointed.

The 13th convocation saw the graduation of 151 students.

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Other than the individual achievement of ESS graduates in going abroad for graduate level studies and research with scholarships and success in starting employment and entrepreneurial careers, students assume leadership roles in working through two clubs of the department. This is visible in their role in leading the two clubs - BU Economics Club (BUEC) and the Anthropology Forum of BU (AFBU). BUEC is led by Mehreen Chowdhury- President and Nabila Tasneem Anonnya - General Secretary. AFBU is led by Alhan Arsal (President). BUEC outreach programs covered in media included:

- BudgetCon, an intra-university competition;
- 2019 Nobel in economics panel discussions;
- Economics graduate job market information dissemination.

Anthropology Forum's programs and seminars included:

- "Piety and Paths to God: Muslims religious experiences among Dhaka's Elite" by Priyanka Hutschenreiter.

- "The Sachar Committee Report and the Idea of Social Justice: Rethinking Minority Question in West Bengal " by Abdul Matin.
- "Vernacular Shia Islam: A reading of contestation, negotiation and reconciliation" by Epsita halder, assistant professor of Jadavpur University Kolkata.
- Seminar on 'Nationalism' and two Alap sessions - one on 'What is Love: Stereotypes, Relationships & Transgressions' and 'Don't you know you are toxic'?

ESS organized a seminar on "Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility in Education in Bangladesh and Selected Countries". Dr. Sadequul Islam, Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Economics, Laurentian University, presented the keynote paper.

5. Research Grants, Award and Faculty Outreach

Research & Grant

- *Shahidur Rahman*, received a research grant from the Danida Fellowship Center for a project, The Regulation of International Supply Chains: Lessons from the Governance of Occupational Health and Safety in the Bangladesh Ready-Made Garment Industry. The research partners include the Copenhagen Business School, Tufts University, Danish Ethical Trading Initiative and Brac University.
- 1. *ATM Nurul Amin*, was invited to serve as Guest Editor of the journal, Regional Development Dialogue's special issue (RDD), Vol 36, on Regional Development in the Context of the Agenda for Sustainable Development. The tasks included to write an Editorial Introduction, invite comment writers and edit the articles.
- 2. *ATM Nurul Amin*, working to contribute a chapter on “Urban Economy of Rajshahi”, for Rajshahi Master Development Plan (RMDP), 2020-2035.
- 3. *ATM Nurul Amin*, (jointly with Muhammad Asaduzzaman), writing a text book on Urban Economics (in Bangla) for Jatiyo Bishwabiddalay (National University).

4. *Wasiqur Rahman Khan* and *Sifat Islam Ishty*, are engaged in a publication work on "Paternal Tobacco Intake and Increased Risk of Child Malnutrition among Families in the Chars of Bangladesh: A Study Using Directly Measured CO".
5. *Farzana Munshi*, working on a book manuscript titled, Migration, Remittance and Economic Development.
6. *Salma Begum*, working on a research work, "Evaluation of BRAC Urban Development Program (UDP) on improving the wellbeing of the RMG Workers"
7. *Wasiqur Rahman Khan* and *Rubana Ahmed*, are engaged in a research publication titled "Ageing and Urbanization: The Challenges"
8. *Rafiu Ibrahim*, working on a paper titled "Impact of Capital Controls on FDI: A comparative analysis of developed and developing countries"
9. *Maliha Rahanaz*, working as a project manager for Overlooking and managing GBP 12 million fund for Developing the National Adolescent Strategy.
10. *Maliha Rahanaz*, provided research assistance to the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition Project, "Value Chain Analysis of Fortified Oil and Salt".
11. *Maliha Rahanaz*, Qualitative Research Analyst to the project, Formative Evaluation of the Integrated Early Childhood Development (IECD) approach, 2016-2018.
12. *Nafisa Ismail*, working on research titled "Donation to beggars in relation to prosociality and religiosity in a developing country: A case of Bangladesh".
13. *Masnoon Khair*, working on a research paper titled "*Politics of Disaster Governance: Rohingya Crisis & The Environment*". (Co-author with Dr. Caroline Brassard, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy).
14. *Masnoon Khair*, also working on "*Informal Gold Mining and Environmental Impact: The Case of Bole, Northern Ghana*" (with his supervisor, Dr. Sabine Luning, Leiden University).
15. *Aftab Alam*, working on a study on Stranded Community Action Project (SuChanA II)
16. *Ahsan Senan*, working as *Project/Research Coordinator* for the "Libertas Project: Evidence-based Advocacy to Advance Global Media Freedom", funded by the British High Commission, with a team of researchers from Center for Enterprise and Society (CES).

Faculty Participation in National and International Events

- *Samia Huq* delivered a lecture on Religious diversification and security as part of the National Defense Course, National Defense College (May 7, 2019).
- *Samia Huq* was invited to participate in the 18th Building Bridges Seminar on Christian-Muslim Dialogue, organized by the World Council of Churches and Georgetown University in Geneva (June 11 to 16, 2019).
- *Samia Huq*, presented a paper titled, "Faith Inspired Education Delivery and Diversity in Bangladesh", at the 6th International Conference on Poverty and Sustainable Development, Colombo, December 2 to 5, 2019.
- *Samia Huq* participated in an expert group meeting on Religious Freedom in South and South East Asia at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies at Mahidol University.
- *Samia Huq* was invited by the Asian Muslim Action Network (AMAN) in Jakarta, Indonesia, as part of a three-year research collaboration between networks in South East and South Asia which work on Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, drawing in universities and network form the region. She spoke on the "Key trends and trajectories of the conflict dynamics in South Asia" (September 30 to October 3, 2019).
- *Samia Huq* presented a keynote address at the inauguration ceremony of the Bangladesh Inter-religious Forum for Peace and Harmony at the Krishibid Institute Auditorium, Dhaka (October 26, 2019).

- *Shahidur Rahman* participated in an ILO program on Bangladesh Business Forum, a platform to disseminate knowledge on the impact of ILO's Better Work Program on the RMG (October 2, 2019).
- *Shahidur Rahman* participated in a workshop organized jointly by Infrastructure Development Company Limited (IDCOL), KPMG and BracU on the "Impacts of Energy Efficiency on Environment, Society and Gender in the Garment Sector of Bangladesh" (September 4, and October 23, 2019).
- *Seuty Sabur* made a presentation titled, "Dissidence with Love: Women's Agency within Left Political Parties, Women's Movement Organizations and the Transforming Political Field", in a panel discussion on "Voices and Narratives of Resistance in/from Bangladesh", Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Conference 2019, at Silliman University, Dumaguete, Philippines (August 1 to 5, 2019).
- *Seuty Sabur* presented a chapter draft titled, "Gender and Social Movements in Bangladesh: The Changing Political Field" in Book Workshop, Civil Society and Good Governance in India and Bangladesh", organized by WISARD, Cardiff University, BracU and IIT Delhi, at IIT Delhi (August 29, 2019).
- *Tanvir Sobhan* participated in a workshop on the "Fourth RIS-EXIM Bank Summer School on International Trade Theory and Practice, New Delhi, India (June 10 to 19, 2019).
- *Tanvir Sobhan* attended (online) a workshop titled "2019 CEAR / Huebner Summer Risk Institute" at Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (July 25 to 26, 2019).
- *Adnan M. S. Fakir* presented a paper on "Effects of Smoking on Agricultural Productivity", Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) 2019 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. (July 2019)
- *Shehzad M Arifeen* presented a paper on "Nirapad Shorok Andolon: Gujob, hegemony, and the politics of doubt" at an Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Conference on Fluid

Circuits: Cultures of Knowledge After the Digital Turn Silliman University, Dumaguete City, Philippines (August 1 to 3, 2019).

- *Nazrina Haque* presented a paper titled, "Does Technological Investment Have an Impact on Outward Foreign Direct Investment?", in a seminar organized by IISES (International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences), Paris, France (September 13, 2019).
- *Rafiu Ibrahim* attended the 8th Annual Banking Conference organized by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (November 27 to 28, 2019).
- *Nafisa Ismail* participated in a capacity building training on "Behavioural Development Economics, Sciences and Social Sciences" organized by Brac Institute of Governance and Development, in collaboration with the University of East Anglia (March 23 to 25, 2019).
- *Nafisa Ismail* attended the 8th Annual Banking Conference organized by Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (November 27 to 28, 2019).

6. Faculty Overview: Of the 21 faculty members, nine have PhD degrees from internationally reputed universities in the USA, Canada, Europe, and Japan. Faculty consists of four full professors, three associate professors, two assistant professors, three Senior Lecturers, and nine Lecturers. Faculty areas of research interests and specializations include poverty and informal employment, sustainable development, labour market, RMG industry and global supply chain, applied economics and econometrics, behavioural economics, anthropology gender and politics, religious identity and revival, social movements and secularism, ethnicity, middle class, social inequality, structural violence.

7. Facts and Figure: Of 114 enrolments in 2019, 78 enrolled for BSS in Economics, 17 for BSS in Anthropology and 19 for MS in Applied Economics programs. With the graduation of 151 students, in November 2019, the total ESS graduate number rose to 536.



Brac University Vice Chancellor, Professor Vincent Chang, is welcoming the Project Manager and Faculty of CBS, Dr Erin Leithaiser, on the occasion of inauguration of the externally funded project, "Regulation of International Supply Chain (RISC): Lessons from the Governance of Occupational Health and Safety in the Bangladesh Ready-Made Garment Industry". On behalf of BU, Prof Shahidur Rahman, also seen in the photo, of the Department of Economics and Social Sciences, is leading the project. This research is being conducted jointly with the Copenhagen Business School and Tufts University.



Profs. Akbar Ali Khan, Mirza Azizul Haque, Farzana Munshi and Economics Lecturer Nafisa Ismail are seen along with the participants in BU Economics Club (BUEC) organized Inter-university competition on the national budget, 2019-2020. Mirza Azizul Islam and Akbar Ali Khan shared their direct experience in preparation and implementation of national budget and responded to students queries (01 Aug 2019).



On the occasion of ESS seminar, "Inequality and intergenerational mobility in education in Bangladesh and selected countries", Dr. Sadequul Islam, Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, Laurentian University, is seen delivering the keynote paper. Among the distinguished guests are seen the Vice Chancellor, Prof Vincent Chang, Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Tamim and, ESS Chairperson, Prof ATM Nurul Amin, who also spoke on the occasion (19 June 2019).



BU Anthropology Forum and Economics Club, jointly with the Debate for Humanity, organized a debate, Sampreetir Jonno Bitorko (13 June 2019).

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

About the Department:

The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE) possesses well-trained faculty members and researchers along with modern laboratory facilities. The department focuses on imparting practical engineering knowledge to the students and constant laboratory developments and renovations. The department actively encourages its undergraduate and graduate students to engage themselves in research and the esteemed faculties provide supervision and guidance at every stage.

The vision of our department is to be the leading department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering in the region with global recognition through excellence in teaching, research and technological innovation. In order to reach there, the department has formulated three missions:

- Create globally competent recognized professionals with broad critical thinking spectrum by providing world-class education to the students in a dynamic and inter-active learning environment.
- Enhance students' skills with state-of-the-art laboratory facilities and highly competent faculty members so that they can work at the frontier of cutting-edge technology while displaying highest ethical and human values in all aspects of their lives.
- Foster inter-disciplinary research and university-industry partnership in order to provide sustainable solutions to the complex engineering problems faced by the society and industry, thereby contributing to nation building.

Leadership:

Under the leadership of the Chairperson, development of practical engineering knowledge has been the primary focus. With that view in mind, two hardware labs - Switchgear and Protection/Power Electronics Laboratory and Communication Laboratory have been built and the necessary components have been purchased.

Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) has been purchased for Control System Laboratory. The Chairperson has his focus on active research and in order to nourish research initiatives, one "research and development laboratory" and one "graduate research laboratory" have been inaugurated.

Academic Program(s):

Department of EEE offers four academic programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Communication Engineering
- Master of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Master of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Achievements:

Significant achievements for the year 2019 include:

- A faculty of The Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE), A.S. Nazmul Huda has been awarded a Doctoral research Medal for outstanding research at PhD level by The University of Adelaide, Australia on 22 February 2019.
- 1st International Conference on Energy & Power Engineering (ICEPE) was successfully held in 14-16 March, 2019.
- Researchers and students from the department achieved three best paper awards in 2019 ICEPE with prize and certification in the closing ceremony.
- Total three students from undergraduate and postgraduate level have received Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal Award in 13th Convocation.
- Department organized several special lectures, workshops and industrial visits throughout the year.

Research Activities, Grants and Awards:

- A research proposal of Dr. A.S.M. Mohsin received research grant from ICT Division.
- A team from Department of EEE was awarded the ICT Division funding under the supervision of Dr. Saifur Rahman Sabuj.

Faculty Overview

A good portion of the faculty members hold PhDs and have conducted a substantial amount of research and gathered experience on teaching and working at related industries at home and abroad. Most of the department's faculty members hold master's degrees from globally reputed universities and the young lecturers are pursuing their master's degree. They are actively working in pushing the

boundaries in their own field of research, working as a team with students and research assistants towards achieving BracU's common goal of inspiring excellence. The faculty members are continuously publishing their works in reputed journals and conferences in their field. Recent publications of the faculty members include ACS Nano, IEEE Transactions on Electron Devices, IEEE GHTC, IEEE GLOBECOM, IEEE TENCON, IEEE Tensymp, IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, etc.

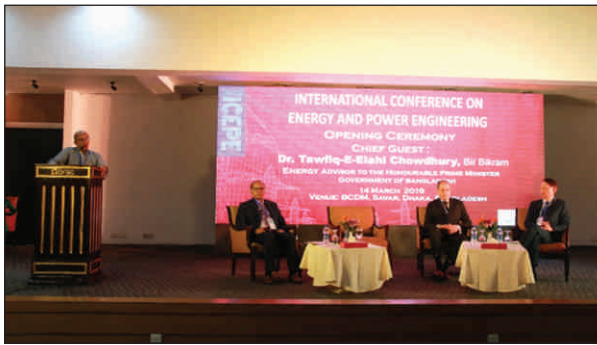
Facts and Figures

- Alumni Advisory Panel (AAP) for the Department of EEE has been formed
- Student Enrolment's

Semester	PG/Undergraduate Programs						
	Dept. of EEE						
	Total Students	New BS EEE	Total Students	New BS ECE	Total Students	New PG	Total Enrollment
Spring 19	803	142	55	7	12	3	
Summer 19	786	45	47	3	9	2	
Fall 19	766	20	43	0	11	3	



Photos of Industrial Tour organized by the Department and IEEE Brac University Student Branch.



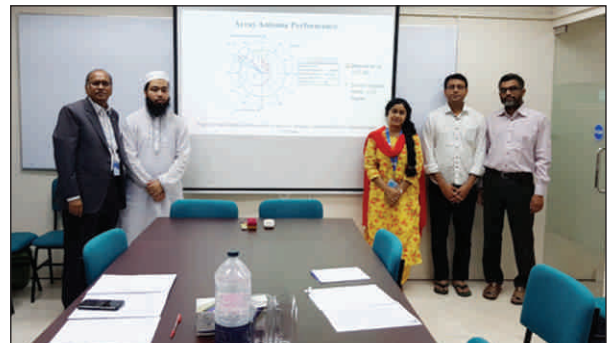
Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury Bir Bikram, energy advisor to the Prime Minister, inaugurated the 2019 ICEPE as the chief guest.



Dr. Ahmad Kaikaus, Senior Secretary Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, GoB joined the closing ceremony on the last day of the conference.



Professor Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor of Brac University delivered his speech in the inaugural ceremony of 2019 ICEPE



Moment of a Postgraduate Thesis presentation with the Chairperson Prof. Shahidul Islam Khan



Photos of different workshops and seminars organized by Department of EEE in 2019.

Department of English and Humanities

Goals and Objectives

The Department of English and Humanities forms the critical and creative hub of the University. In alignment with the goals and objectives of Brac University, it fosters critical thinking and encourages independent thinking.

The objective is to enable students to contribute to social and national development and become an integral part of the contemporary world.

Leadership

The Department of English and Humanities is part of the new School of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Dean is responsible for the overall progress and new directions, while the Chairperson runs the day-to-day administration, and ensures quality education.

Five coordinators oversee the academic programs. Committees include the research evaluation committee, student affairs committee, service evaluation committee, curriculum review committee and the moderation committee.

Academic Programs

- BA in English (concentration areas: literature, applied linguistics & English language teaching, media & cultural studies)
- MA in English (concentration areas: literature, applied linguistics & English language teaching).
- Minor in History.

Achievements

- Faculty achievements include publications in recognized professional journals in many disciplines including literature, gender studies, cultural studies, linguistics, English language teaching and history. Both senior and junior faculty have contributed to this publication portfolio.
- Student achievements.
- The chancellor's gold medal was awarded to S.M. Mahfuzur Rahman, a graduating

student from the MA program in the 13th Convocation in 2019.

- *Resonance*, a student publication including poems, short stories and art work saw its 3rd online issue, with its first print version.
- 10 students have been selected for the OSUN program with Bard College for the Summer Course.

Research activities

- Anika Saba, Lecturer, was awarded a short-term research fellowship by the Liberation War Museum, where she is researching on Genocide Denial under the supervision of Mofidul Hoque, trustee of the museum and researcher on genocide and the 1971 liberation war.
- Dr. Asifa Sultana is part of a Europe-based study on children's language development. The six-year project brings together child language data from 50 languages. This is the first time that such a research will be carried on the Bangla language. This ten-million-euro project is supported by the Synergy Grant 2019 of the European Research Council and housed in The Centers for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Berlin, and the University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan.
- Dr. Sabreena Ahmed and her team have secured a grant of BDT 200,000 for a study titled "Implementing Higher Order Thinking Tasks in Secondary English Classrooms" under the "2019-2020 NAEM Research Grant." Professor Manzoor Ahmed, Professor Emeritus, BIED, BracU is the advisor of this research. Team members include Dr. Asifa Sultana, ENH, and Sheikh Mohammad Ali, Associate Professor, Training Specialist, NAEM.
- Professor Firdous Azim and Dr. Asifa Sultana have become part of an international research project titled 'The Gendered Price of Precarity: Workplace Sexual Harassment

and young women's agency". Funded by the British Academy under its Youth Futures Grant, ENH researchers are working on this project under an MOU with BIGD, where they will contribute with their expertise on gender and language.

Academic profile

ENH is a small department with 12 faculty members who represent a wide range of academic interests. The senior faculty have well-established international reputations, and the mid-range faculty members are also well on their way to contributing in national and international academic arenas. ENH faculty members are published short story writers and translators. The wide variety of publications

and seminars hosted over the years make the department a very vibrant space.

Facts and Figures

Total number of students:

BA – 385

MA – 57

Total number of admissions in 2019:

BA – 133

MA – 36

Total number of graduating students in 2019

BA – 56

MA – 22

Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences



About

The department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences is one of the largest and most vibrant departments of BracU. We are committed to excellence in teaching and research. The history of the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences dates back to 2001.

Vision and mission of MNS:

To make BracU a proud global institution for Bangladesh and to make it Bangladesh's flagship university; the visibility of the university has to be increased in a global perspective. This can be done in a number of ways. One of the most effective ways is to recruit internationally reputed faculties. In 2019, we are very proud to have recruited a number of internationally renowned, bright faculty members who will add value to strengthen the vision of BracU.

Frontline research is done (and published) which create new knowledge, and support the visions and mission of BracU.

Academic Programs

We offer BS degree programs in:

1. Applied Physics and Electronics
2. Biotechnology (also MS degree)
3. Mathematics
4. Microbiology
5. Physics

We also offer double majors and minors in Microbiology, Biotechnology, Mathematics and Physics.

Achievements:

Research Activities

The faculty members have strong academic and research backgrounds. They publish regularly in high impact journals and present papers in conferences. In 2019, there have been 19 research publications in peer reviewed international journals and 2 research publications in National Journals. There have been two book chapters written by the faculties of the department and one edited book by one of our faculty members. Moreover, 17 proceedings have been published in national and international conferences.

Establishment of new research Labs:

An Advanced Materials Research lab was established. In this lab currently theoretical research on new and advanced materials are being done using DFT technique.

A separate research lab was established and well-equipped, particularly for the life science thesis students and faculty members.

Awards:

The Asian Scientist Magazine published its list of 100 celebrated and most outstanding scientists in Asia for 2019. Dr. Hasibun Naher, Associate

Professor of Mathematics at the MNS Department, who has established herself as a good researcher in the field of Applied Mathematics has taken a place in that list.

Faculty Overview

There are 52 full-time faculty members and 21 teaching assistants in the Department. Quite a few teachers joined the department in this academic year and some have left to complete their higher studies abroad.

Departmental Leadership

Message from Chairperson

Science is continuously evolving. It is not just a source of new ideas, but a constant driving force for innovation. We at the Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS) nourish and nurture this philosophy whole heartedly.

Our departmental mission is to be an internationally

recognized community of scholars who contribute fundamental new knowledge at the cutting edge of science. We are committed to the intellectual and spiritual development of each of our students. We offer a supportive and innovative environment for study and research in various disciplines like mathematics, natural sciences and life sciences. Each month we organized seminar lectures from in-house and guest researchers to enhance the research capability of students and faculty members. We also arranged workshops on a regular basis and were involved in different types of outreach activities.

List of people responsible for different programs:

Dean, School of Sciences: Professor Dr. Mahbub Alam Majumdar (Joined on November 1, 2019)

Chairperson: Professor Dr. A F M Yusuf Haider

Program Coordinators: See table below

Facts and figure: See table below

Program	Program Coordinators	Number of students enrolled	No of thesis defended	No of internship report presented
BS in Applied Physics	Mr. Mohammad Lutfor Rahman	09		
BS in Physics	Dr. Firoze H. Haque	31	04	
BS in Mathematics	Dr. Hasibur Naher	04		
BS in Biotechnology	Dr. Iftekhar Bin Naser and Ms Romana Siddique	385	29	44
BS in Microbiology	Professor Dr. Mahboob Hossain	324	16	18
MS in Biotechnology	Dr. Iftekhar Bin Naser	34	13	
Statistics & Environmental science courses	Mr. Mohammad Mastak Al Amin			
Total		787		

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Department of Pharmacy



About the Department

At the Department of Pharmacy (PHR), BracU, we aim to provide a broad-base education to train pharmacists of the future through a contemporary and innovative program. The department continues to be dedicated to teaching and research in pharmacy and the pharmaceutical sciences through a curriculum designed to ensure that our students are equipped with skills to pursue a career in any of the multidisciplinary fields of modern pharmacists or pharmaceutical researchers.

Vision

To be a leader in education and research through innovation and excellence in pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences.

Mission

To develop highly competent pharmacy graduates who will lead innovations in academia, industry, and healthcare in both local and global settings.

Academic Program

PHR started in 2010 and offers the Bachelor of Pharmacy (B. Pharm.) honors degree, which is a four-year integrated course divided into eight consecutive semesters and accredited by Bangladesh Pharmacy Council. The department consists of six modern laboratories to demonstrate laboratory work and conduct high-level research.

Achievements

a. Department Activities

The Department of Pharmacy arranged a total of five seminars, a roundtable discussion and a panel discussion in 2019.

The seminar on 'The Future of the Brain' by Dr. Newton Howard was organized for the students of the department. Dr. Howard is a Professor of Computational Neurosciences and Functional Neurosurgery at the University of Oxford. He is also the Director of the Synthetic Intelligence Laboratory at MIT (where he had served as the Founder and Director of the MIT Mind Machine Project from 2008 to 2012).



Seminar held by Dr. Newton Howard on 'The Future of the Brain'

Several such events were organized by the department to address pressing issues such as regulations in the pharmaceutical industry and the problem of counterfeit medicines, where experts from the pharmaceutical industry in Bangladesh participated. One such seminar was organized for the students on 'Pharma Market Dynamics', where the speaker was Mr. Khaled Alhossainy, Director of Marketing and Sales, IQVIA.



Seminar on "Pharma Market Dynamics"

A seminar on 'Good Pharmacy Practice in Clinical Settings' by Mr. Mohamed Ramzy Ismail, Technical Officer, Essential Drugs and Other Medications, WHO Country Office Bangladesh was also organized in 2019, where he discussed the role of pharmacists in clinical settings, a new prospect in Bangladesh. Lastly, a seminar on 'Postgraduate Study Application in the USA' and another one on 'Regulatory Affairs in the Pharmaceutical Industry' was organized.



Seminar on 'Good Pharmacy Practice in Clinical Settings' [WHO Bangladesh]



Seminar on "Higher Studies in Pharmaceutical/Biomedical Sciences in U.S.A: Steps, Strategies and Success" on July 11, 2019

In addition to the seminars and roundtable discussions, workshops on 'Referencing using Mendeley' and on 'CRISPR' were organized in 2019.

Student activities included town hall meetings, project presentations, and a daylong event held on World Pharmacists Day which included the first ever *i-Tell* Challenge, a panel discussion, a seminar, Pharma debate and Pharma QuizBee.

Additionally, five industry visits to various pharmaceutical companies were arranged for the students of the Department of Pharmacy, Brac University. The companies visited included Beximco Pharmaceuticals Limited, ACI Pharmaceuticals, Roche Pharmaceuticals, Eskayef Pharmaceuticals Limited and Incepta Pharmaceuticals Limited. These visits bridge the gap between classroom theoretical training and practical learning in a real-life environment.



Industry Visit



Panel Discussion on "Counterfeit Medicines: A Global Problem"



Moments from the i-TELL Challenge (left) and Finale of Pharma Debate, 2019 (right)

b. Faculty Achievements

Grants

- Professor Hasina Yasmin, PhD was awarded Research Grant 2018-2019 under special allocation from Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) of Bangladesh to conduct a research on “Total synthesis of indan-1-acetic acid derivatives and evaluation of their anti-tubercular activity.”



Professor Dr. Hasina Yasmin was awarded Research Grant 2018-2019

- Dr. Md Jasim Uddin, Assistant Professor, PHR was awarded a research fund of £500 by the Faculty of Engineering and Science of the University of Greenwich, UK. He received the award in July 2019 for the design of clinical animal trials for insulin delivery using novel 3D printed transdermal hollow microneedle arrays.

Other Achievements:

- Dr. Md. Abu Bakar, Associate Professor was invited to attend a workshop on supply chain security in the pharmaceutical and contract chemical synthesis industries.
- Md. Samiul Alam Rajib, was invited as an International Jury member at the 30th International Biology Olympiad 2019 (IBO 2019) at Szeged, Hungary. He also led the Bangladesh National Biology Olympiad team as the deputy team leader and coach.
- Mohammad Kawsar Sharif Siam, Senior lecturer, was invited as a national judge at the Bangladesh FameLab 2019 hosted by British Council. The competition took place from January 2019, with the finale being held on March 23, 2019.



Dr. Md. Abu Bakar an Associate Professor at the department invited to attend a workshop at Gujarat Forensic Sciences University, Gandhinagar, Ahmedabad, India.



Md. Samiul Alam Rajib, a Senior lecturer at the department invited at the 30th International Biology Olympiad 2019 (IBO 2019) at Szeged, Hungary.



Mohammad Kawsar Sharif Siam, as a national judge of Bangladesh FameLab 2019

c. Student Achievements

The BracU Pharma Society (BUPS) raised awareness about diabetes on World Diabetes Day by distributing leaflets, caps and t-shirts; and providing advice and free blood pressure sugar level checks. During winter the BUPS distributed 250 blankets and 195 shawls to the underprivileged people in Badarganj village of Rangpur district. The

BUPS also renewed its membership at the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation (IPSF). Lastly, Baghdad Ahmed and Ferdausur Rahman became Champions of the "Twenty-One Ovation 3.0" Intra University Poster Presentation Competition organized by the Brac University Natural Sciences Club (BUNSC).



BUPS Winter Clothes Distribution

Research activities

1. Twenty-six articles were published by the faculty members in peer-reviewed journals in 2019
2. A Research collaboration between BracU and North Dakota State University, USA was established by Professor Eva Rahman Kabir, PhD.

Faculty overview

Faculty members of PHR are graduates from globally renowned institutions both at home and abroad. Currently, five faculty members are pursuing their doctoral degrees at the University of Cambridge, University of Sydney, Miami University, University of Nebraska and University of Texas, USA.

Facts and figures

A total of 163 students enrolled during 2019 and alumni number has also reached 163.

Institutes

Brac Institute of Educational Development (BIED)

Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)

Brac Institute of Languages (BIL)



Brac Institute of Educational Development

BRAC Institute for Educational Development (BRAC IED) offers two core programs- Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Center for Play. These programs are dedicated to advocating for the importance of play in the development and learning during early years. Through model development and research, the program helps to understand a child's development and learning by focusing on infant and early years' stimulation, caregiving and parenting, play-based learning, and mental health and well-being. The team at BRAC IED is unique because of its blend of academics, researchers, architects and mental health professionals who also play the part of advocates and curriculum designers. Developing projects over two decades, BRAC IED has become a leading resource for ECD and play pedagogy in Bangladesh and has earned a global recognition. Over time, BRAC IED has built a portfolio of collaborations with local and international leading experts and partners in the fields of ECD, children's learning and mental health support.

Vision

A world where all children grow up with dignity.

Mission

Create innovative solutions for children to become engaged, empathetic, and empowered individuals.

Leadership

BRAC IED is led by a group of individuals who have contributed immensely to the field in technical areas through ground implementation and in research. The ability of the team to have the biggest impact in focus areas, to be able to collect those evidences, and to create innovative solutions by drawing on the learning from academia is what drives BRAC IED's evidence-based work. The faculty and staff of BRAC IED work collaboratively incorporating programs, research, teaching and learning and the team leaders each contribute their expertise into shaping rigorous programs and

processes to build a robust evidence-based portfolio. In addition to teaching, faculty members contribute to different research studies conducted by the Institute. Faculty members also introduced blended pedagogy to support the needs of the Teach for Bangladesh fellows based in Chattogram.

Academic Programs

BRAC IED administers masters and post-graduate programs in Educational Leadership and School Improvement and Early Childhood Development. The academic programs offered at the Institute are grounded, contextualized and experiential with integrated field learning opportunities. BRAC IED's programs are open for collaboration with various NGOs, INGOs and individuals to provide capacity development opportunities for professionals.

2019 Achievements

In 2019, BRAC IED successfully continued working towards its objectives both through its academic programs and its projects. Working alongside many local and international consultants and partnerships, the Institute has undertaken important projects and model development activities on play, early childhood, mental health and humanitarian works. Projects of 2019 include:

- **Play Labs-** funded by Porticus, this is designed for the development of play-based ECD in Bangladesh incorporating BRAC's Play Lab curriculum into the preprimary education system of government primary schools (GPS).
- **Play to Learn-** funded by the LEGO Foundation, this is the Humanitarian Play Lab (HPL) intervention for ECD and is developed to serve children between the age of 0 to 6 within the Rohingya community in Cox's Bazar. The Play to Learn project is in partnership with Sesame Workshop and IRC. It aims to develop play-based learning

opportunities and provide mental health support for the, approximately, 47,000 people in the Rohingya community.

- **Play Accelerator-** funded by the LEGO Foundation, is designed to develop GPS teachers' capacity on play-based pedagogy. The opportunity to work with the government to further develop its programs has always been a long-term goal of BRAC IED's and a major accomplishment resulting from many successful projects and partnerships led by the Institute's faculty and staff over the years.
- **The Yidan Prize for Education Development awarded to founder Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG.** On receiving the award, Sir Abed emphasized on how the prize will help advance his long-term goal of developing early childhood learning and socially and emotionally intelligent people. In his acceptance speech for the Yidan Prize, Sir Abed acknowledged BRAC IED's work with play-based learning and looked to the future for the continuation of investments in existing programs. The Yidan project, funded by the Yidan Prize Foundation, focuses on expanding the HPL in Uganda and GPS in Tanzania, simultaneously developing the Play Lab Childcare model in Bangladesh.

Postgraduate programs offered at BRAC IED are the largest in BracU. In 2019, 55 students successfully finished MEd or MSc programs and five students completed PGD programs. Four students achieved CGPA 4.0 and two of them were honored with Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal. 30 students achieved CGPA 3.5 and above.

Academic Program Figures

Current Enrolment	
MEd	89
ECD	21
Total	110

Alumni (as of 2019)	
Med	297
ECD	135
Total	432

Research Activities

BRAC IED was involved in developing a large number of research tools in 2019. BRAC IED worked with research experts from Cambridge University and Columbia University amongst many other consultants to develop research tools for multiple studies throughout the year.

The Institute collaborated with BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) and James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) for humanitarian project research.

Completed Research in 2019

- Education Watch 2018-19: Secondary School Teachers in Bangladesh in the light of SDG 4
- Youth Perception of Skills Training and Subsequent Employment: A Baseline Study in Some Selected Upazilas of Bangladesh
- Assessment of Primary Competencies in Languages and Mathematics (APC-L&M) Performance of BRAC Shishu Niketan Students, 2017-18
- Effectiveness of BRAC Intervention regarding Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) for Adolescent Club Members

Research on ECD, Mental Health and Humanitarian Crisis

Title of Research/ Evaluation/ Assessment/ Survey/ RCT	Timeline	
	Start Date	End Date
Effects of Play Lab Model on Development of Children aged 3-5 years in Bangladesh, Uganda and Tanzania	March, 2018	December, 2019
A Study on Sustainable Modality of BRAC Play Lab Model	July, 2019	May, 2020
Interactive Teaching-Learning in UBS Shishu Niketan School to Promote children's Performances: A Comparative Study	2019	May, 2020
A Pilot Study on Parenting Education Program on Infants' Development (0-12 Months) and Mothers' Well-Being	July, 2018	June, 2019
Effects of Play Lab Model on Development and Playfulness of Children Aged 1-5 Years in Bangladesh	March, 2018	May, 2019
Effectiveness of Play Models and Parenting Education on Development of Children Aged 6 months to 5 years in Bangladesh	March, 2017	May, 2019
Effects of Play-Based Early Stimulation in Children from Rural Low-Income Households on Self-Regulation and Executive Functioning Skills: A Randomized Control Trial	December, 2017	June, 2019
Pilot study on Play Lab Model of 4-5 Years' in Government Primary School	January, 2019	September, 2019
Humanitarian settings		
Effectiveness of Para-counselling Service Model on Mental Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing of Rohingya People in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Study	December, 2018	September, 2019
Exploring the Effects of Psychosocial Intervention on Well-being of Rohingya Adolescent Volunteers	December, 2018	December, 2019
Exploring the Effects of the Community-based Psychosocial Intervention on Psychological Well-being of Rohingya Adolescents	July 2019	December, 2019
Effectiveness of Para-counselling Service Model on Mental Health and Psychosocial Wellbeing of Rohingya People in Bangladesh: A Qualitative Study	January, 2019	September, 2019
Development of Children's Mental Health Screening Tool	November, 2019	March, 2020
Cultural Adaptation of CHILD, DIPP, & LEUVEN for Rohingya Children	December, 2019	June, 2020

Brac Institute of Governance and Development

About the Institute

By influencing policy and practice using rigorous research and by building fit-for-future capabilities through quality educational programs, BIGD aims to promote innovation and improvement in governance and development processes, leading to a just and prosperous society. BIGD's core competency is its ability to deliver high-quality field-research using a broad range of methods in close engagement with government and development partners. BIGD is also a centre of excellence in post-graduate education.

Leadership

Dr. Imran Matin, Executive Director of BIGD, has been leading the institute to become a globally-recognized centre for rigorous research on policy and development interventions. Dr. Matin has deep expertise on research for development. Previously he worked as the Chief Policy and Research Officer of Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), International Program Director of Save the Children International, Director of the Africa Program of BRAC International, and Director of BRAC's Research and Evaluation Division. He is a Visiting Fellow of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Dr. Matin has a PhD in Economics from the University of Sussex.

Academic Programs

- **Master of Development Studies (MDS):** BIGD is one of the pioneers in offering the MDS degree in Bangladesh. MDS is a multidisciplinary, praxis-focused program that has an equal emphasis on developing a strong theoretical understanding, learning from the real world, and building practical skills of the students.
- **Master of Arts in Governance and Development (MAGD):** MAGD is an internationally-acclaimed, fully-funded and highly selective one-year residential post-graduate degree program, designed for public and government officials from South Asia.

- **Masters in Procurement and Supply Management (MPSM):** MPSM is a specialised program that develops highly competent procurement and supply chain management professionals of international standards.

Achievements (2019)

Significant achievements of the institute

- *In 2019, BIGD was awarded USD six million by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to develop and manage an international grant-making facility for rigorous research on women's economic empowerment and digital finance (WEE-DiFine). It is a rare and significant achievement for any southern research institute, which reflects its international reputation and credibility for rigorous research in social science.*
- *In 2019, BIGD developed a significant research portfolio closely aligned with the achievement of SDG 1, including the impact evaluation of BRAC's newly-modified Ultra-Poor Graduation program. With about 40,000 sample households, it is one of the largest impact evaluations in the country.*

Students' Success Stories

- Four students from the MDS & MPSM programs, and one student from the MAGD program received the Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal during the BracU 13th Convocation, 2019.

Research Activities, Grants and Awards

In 2019, BIGD started 21 new research projects, the total value of which is BDT 711,749,266.

Faculty Overview

At BIGD, we are proud to host renowned faculty members, both from academia and the world of practice. Some of our prominent faculty members are:

- Dr. Mirza M Hassan of BIGD is a prominent Political Economist in Bangladesh.

Dr. Hasan has a PhD in Development Studies from the University of London.

- Dr. Narayan C. Das of BIGD is a leading Development Economist in the country. He has a PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley.
- Dr. Niaz Ahmed Khan is a Professor and former Chairman of the Department of Development Studies, University of Dhaka, and Senior Academic Advisor of BIGD. Dr Khan holds a PhD from the University of Wales, UK.

- Dr. S. R. Osmani is a veteran Economist, currently a Professor of Development Economics at the University of Ulster, UK. He has a PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Facts and Figures

- MDS: Enrolled students 59; Alumni - 379
- MPSM: Enrolled students 49; Alumni - 325
- MAGD: Enrolled students 28; Alumni - 209

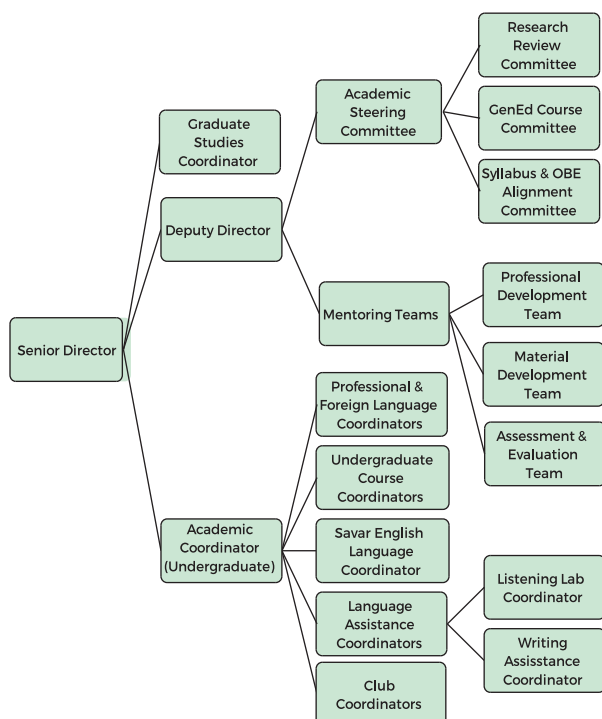
Brac Institute of Languages

About

The journey of Brac Institute of Language (BIL) began in 2006 as the English Language Program (EL-Pro). Since then, BIL restructured itself twice to finally become the Institute it is today. A product of the aspirations, vision, dedication and innovation of its pioneer and Senior Director, Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed and her team, the Institute has attained substantial achievements teaching English language courses to the undergraduate students, academic English to graduate students, TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) to professionals and foreign languages to learners from various backgrounds.

BIL aims to assist students to develop the language skills they need to be successful in graduate school and in their professional lives. The institute focuses on implementing student-centred, creative language teaching techniques by developing modules based on students' proficiency levels. Additionally, BIL is committed to the field of academic language teaching and research, with a clear focus on creative and forward-thinking teaching methodology for diverse learner groups.

Leadership



Academic Program(s)

BIL offers five English language courses, ranging from intermediate to advanced level of language proficiency for the undergraduate students of BracU, two modern language credit courses (Chinese and French), a unique Pre-University course, and evening session modern language courses that include Chinese, French Bangla, German, Spanish, and Arabic. The Institute also offers an M.A. program in TESOL. Additionally, BIL offers two specialized courses - English for Academic Purposes (EAP) and English Proficiency Development Course (EPDC).

Achievements of 2019

- Md Mamunur Rashid, Lecturer, BIL received the 'Excellence in Education Award' in the 20th CTAUN Conference at the United Nations (UN) on April 5, 2019, for his project titled, *Shaping the Youth with Empathy Education*.
- BIL faculty member Md. Shams Ud Duha, who is currently pursuing his PhD in the US, has been elected as a Graduate Student Representative for the Teacher Education Division of the Association of Educational Communications and Technology (AECT). He went on to become a global ambassador for Purdue's graduate school.
- Farid Ahmed, Lecturer of BIL, participated in an exchange program offered by U.S. Department of State from October 21 to November 1, 2019. He also attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the English Language Fellow Program held in Washington DC from November 3 - 5, 2019.
- Abdullah Al Mamun successfully completed his obligations as Fulbright Scholarship recipient [FLTA, University of Michigan (2018- 2019)] and resumed his teaching position in Summer 2019.
- On 8 January, 2019, Mohammad Aminul Islam, Md. Abu Sufian, Md. Mahbubul Islam and Moshir Rahman of BIL conducted 'Teaching English Language' sessions as

part of the Faculty Development Training for the faculty members of Midwifery Program under Brac James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) of BracU.

- BIL has formed a collaboration with the Developing Midwives Project (DMP). BIL representatives monitored the classes of English teachers, facilitated teacher training where necessary and administered a modular English examination in November, 2019. BIL will continue working in this collaboration with the consultants of University of Auckland for the faculty development program of DMP project.
- BIL designed and conducted a 12-week English language course for the MAGD program. The course, titled GOV 690: Basic Course in English, has been designed to enhance participants' existing knowledge in English and help develop the four basic language skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- An Online Learning Unit has been launched in BIL. From May to October, 2019, the unit worked jointly with Health21 to develop an online course on “Effective Behavioural Communication for Doctor-Patient Relationship”. The course was launched on 12 October, 2019. Currently, the unit is developing two Bangla courses, “Online Bangla I” and ‘Online Bangla II’ for foreign learners.
- BIL conducted a 72-hour long course titled Interpersonal Communication Skills Training for the operation staff of Brac Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD) in Fall, 2019.
- Bangladesh Computer Council is in communication with BIL for developing the communicative skills of around 200 of their field staff. The level assessment test for this project has already been conducted.
- In May, 2019, BIL donated more than 350 books to Shimantik and FIVDB (Friends in Village Development Bangladesh), two prominent non-governmental organizations in Sylhet. In December, BIL donated another

120 books to the “Development Midwifery Project” in the premise of the GBC Christian Health Project, Haluaghat, Mymensingh. These donations were organized under a Book Drive Project titled “Harnessing Emerging Readers for Attainment and Language Development” (HERALD).

Research Activities, Grants and Awards

A total of 10 articles were published by BIL faculty members in 2019 in SCOPUS indexed journals. Moreover, a team of BIL faculty members are collaborating on a book titled *Reshaping Tertiary Level English Teaching & Learning Experiences*.

Faculty Overview

BIL has 58 full-time and 3 adjunct faculty members. Five of the faculty members are on study leave pursuing their PhDs. Additionally, 10 more faculty members are pursuing Post-graduate studies.

Facts and Figures

The table below lists the enrollment in each of the eight language and communication courses that BIL offers for the undergraduate students of Brac University, as per the three semesters:

Courses	Spring	Summer	Fall	Total
ENG091	1120	603	250	1973
ENG101	676	1062	570	2308
ENG102	859	768	1029	2656
ENG103	19	22	N/A	41
ENG203	41	29	18	88
BUS201	61	70	66	197
CHN101	42	50	33	125
FRN101	116	146	180	442
Pre-Uni	246	181	62	489
Total	2934	2750	2146	7830

The English for Professional Development Course (EPDC) had 60 students and the course English for Academic Purposes (EAP) had 77 students. The evening session modern language courses offered in 2019 were Chinese, with 121 students, French, with 16 students, Spanish with 19 students and German with 29 students. In 2019, 26 students enrolled for the MA in TESOL program. Currently the program has 53 students.

Centres

Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER)

Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED)

Centre for Peace and Justice (CPJ)

Control & Application Research Centre (CARC)

Centre for Inclusive Architecture and Urbanism (Ci+AU)

Professional Development Centre (PDC)

Center for Emotional Intelligence and Innovation (CEII)



Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER)



ABOUT

C3ER, the Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research was established in the year 2011. Since its inception, BracU has conducted a series of cross-sectoral research on climate change and disaster management in direct collaboration with BRAC. To coordinate and manage these different activities, the Syndicate and the Board of Trustees of Brac University have accorded for the establishment of a research centre titled "Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research (C3ER)". The Centre establishes a synergy between BracU and BRAC in the field of climate change and other environmental issues.

TRAINING AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In 2019, C3ER conducted a series of Training Programs on different aspects of climate change and environment such as "Integration of Climate Change Issues into the Development Planning in Bangladesh"; "Climate Change & Resilient Urban Development"; "Climate and Disaster Risk Financing in Bangladesh: Best Practices and

Knowledge Sharing"; "Climate Change, Gender, and Project Governance" and "Proposal Development".

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Presented 2 papers on National and International conferences
- Presented Keynote on "Urbanization and Migration: A Review of Current Trend in Bangladesh"
- Policy Dialogue with 40 students from 8 different districts
- Organized International Conference on Climate Change Finance (ICCF-2019)
- Organized Climate Talk on November 5, 2019
- Workshop with 117 governmental officers
- Visit field and collected social, environmental and climatic data from 18 districts
- C3ER researchers published 3 Journal Articles, 3 Conference Proceedings, 8 Newspaper Articles and 1 Book Chapter

- Participated in the national movement for Global Climate Strike with around 40 students
- Two write-shops for Government, NGO, and CSO's on "Green Climate Fund (GCF)

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES, GRANTS AND AWARDS

In the year of 2019, C3ER awarded 9-research projects focusing on Climate change adaptation, climate finance, climate induced migration, structural assessment of cyclone shelters, disaster management, disaster risk financing, inclusive urban planning on climate resilience, Policy & governance analysis and climate change training module development.

FACULTY/RESOURCE PERSON OVERVIEW

Dr. Ainun Nishat is the Advisor of C3ER and he is recognised as a pioneering expert in water resource management and climate change in Bangladesh. He finished his PhD in Civil Engineering from University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK in 1981. He has a M.Sc. in Civil Engineering from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), 1975. He was the former Vice-Chancellor of BracU. He is engaged in carrying out diversified research projects in the field of Climate Change, Natural Resource Management and the Environment.

The Centre has a multidisciplinary pool of professionals from the disciplines of:

- Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation
- Climate Change Finance and Sustainable Development
- Water Resources Management and Engineering
- Gender, Policy & Institution
- Natural Resource and Environment Management
- Health and Microbiology
- Business Development, Sustainable Management & Donor liaison
- Agriculture and Soil Science
- Remote Sensing, GIS and Data Management
- Economics, Sociology and Anthropology
- Disaster Management and Resilience

DEPARTMENTAL LEADERSHIP

C3ER is guided by Dr. Ainun Nishat and overall management and administration are performed under the direction of Roufa Khanum, Lecturer and Coordinator Operations of C3ER. The Training and capacity development program is lead by Sharmin Nahar Nipa, Lecturer and the research activities are coordinated by A S M Marjan Nur, Research Coordinator of C3ER.

Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED)

Overview

To make significant contribution in creating an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem in Bangladesh, Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED) of BracU [hereinafter CED-BracU] started its journey in April 2011 with the view to encouraging Bangladeshi entrepreneurs through enriching entrepreneurial knowledge and skill so that the entrepreneurs can systematically develop and grow their own businesses. CED-BracU works for engaging potential Bangladeshi entrepreneurs in innovative thinking and provides a platform for new and existing enterprises, be it micro, small, or medium, through skills acquisition activities for the development and management of the enterprise. To understand the enterprise better, CED-BracU emphasizes on research that will contribute to entrepreneurial development in Bangladesh, advance education and skill acquisition along this line, and popularize the idea of entrepreneurship.

Vision

To make significant contribution in creating an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem in Bangladesh

Mission

- To inspire, devise, nurture, develop, and elevate entrepreneurship through innovation, institutional capacity, and leadership.
- To unlock the potential of young entrepreneurs in Bangladesh
- To make visible impact on Bangladeshi entrepreneurs and set them on the path to sustainability

Slogan

Kindling the spirit of Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Goals and Objectives

With the motto of “helping people help themselves”, the goal of CED-BracU is to encourage entrepreneurship and engender entrepreneurial knowledge and skills through innovation, capacity development and leadership.

The key objectives of CED-BracU are as follows:

- To promote the idea of entrepreneurship in Bangladesh
- To help build capabilities of the entrepreneurs
- To address the knowledge gaps and skill shortcomings that prevent entrepreneurs (in various sectors) from growing their businesses and run them effectively
- To develop academic curricula and introduce courses targeting entrepreneurs and students, who wish to pursue an entrepreneurial path
- To engage and collaborate with organizations which may include educational institutions for improving the entrepreneurial ventures of local and foreign entrepreneurs

Activities (January to December 2019)

Major activities of CED-BracU in 2019 include:

- Conducting nation-wide census/survey to collect data on export-oriented RMG factories under the flagship project titled “Mapped in Bangladesh” (MiB) (formerly DRFM-B) [www.mappedinbangladesh.org].
- Developing the digital map of RMG factories with in-house resources.
- Working with GIZ for SSREU project (“Support to Safety Retrofits and Environmental Upgrades in the Bangladeshi Ready-Made Garment Sector”) and providing necessary support to GIZ as an in-country partner.
- Conducted a 2-day workshop titled “Marketing for Startups” for BracU students who were participating in the business plan competition arranged by CED on in January 2019.
- Became associated with the UNESCO Chair on “Responsible Foresight for Sustainable Development” in the Lincoln International Business School at the University of Lincoln in March 2019, with the objective to

empower and encourage human and social agency.

- Organized a 2-day long training on “Effective Project Management” for the staff of CED and MiB project May 2019 at Brac Centre for Development and Management (BCDM) at Savar.
- Distributed BDT 19 Lac to 6 incubatee groups of student-led startups who went through the Business Plan Competition (BPC) (held in 2018), and they got awarded in July 2019.
- Launched a 360-degree entrepreneurship development program TRIUMPH in July 2019, along with the 5th Round of Business Plan Competition (BPC).
- Organized the final presentation session of Business Plan Competition 2019 (BPC Round 5) on January 2, 2020, eleven (11) groups presented their business propositions in the final round, four (4) were announced as the winners of BPC (Round 5) and as qualifiers for enrolling to the Business Incubation Centre (BIC).
- Currently, ten (10) BracU graduates have been working with CED in different projects, and also through the Startups, around 50 students are working in BIC as part/full-time, which is providing them with hands-on working experience.
- The BPC attracted a record number of more than 120 aspiring entrepreneurs (i.e. BracU students) and they participated in 37 groups in 2019.
- Developed a 12-week training program for the aspiring entrepreneurs of BracU based on MIT's “Disciplined Entrepreneurship”.
- Organized twenty-four (24) different sessions on “Disciplined Entrepreneurship” as a part of the TRIUMPH programme.
- Inaugurated a mentorship program and provided total 13 sessions to five (5) incubatee groups with different professionals and organizations as per the requirement of the incubatees.

- Provided business incubation and mentoring support to over 250 students by BIC through the mentorship program in 2019.
- Provided Amazon Web Services (AWS) to two (2) start-ups of BIC with AWS Activate Organization's \$1000 for one-year promotional credits so that these start-ups receive online services of Amazon as per their needs free of cost.
- Organized a regional convening in Narayanganj for the MiB project, jointly organized with Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) in July 2019.
- Organized a regional convening in Chattogram for the MiB project, jointly organized with Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) in October 2019.
- Joined Core Talk, the first web series in Bangladesh on entrepreneurship in October 2019, and partnered with CORE Global, to develop an eco-system for young entrepreneurs and innovation in the Bangladeshi context.
- Joined Climathon 2019 titled “Climathon: Cities. Hacking. Solutions.” on the Global Climathon Day (October 25, 2019), a solutions-hackathon aimed to tackle global climate challenges, a year-round program.
- Continue running its full-fledged university-based BIC with 13 incubatee groups consisting of 55 students and alumni who are enrolled to BIC and receiving incubation support and services.

Departmental Leadership

At the organizational level within BracU's framework, CED-BracU is currently headed by an Adviser, and run by a Deputy Director. Faculty members and academics from other Departments and Schools, as well as other resource personnel from BracU are also committed on a project-by-project basis as and when required.

Centre for Peace and Justice (CPJ)



The Centre for Peace and Justice (CPJ) is a multi-disciplinary academic institute, which promotes global peace and social justice through quality education, research, training and advocacy. CPJ is committed to identifying and promoting sustainable and inclusive solutions to a wide range of global concerns and issues, including fragility, conflict and violence. The centre was established in March 2017 and joined the rank of other institutes and centres of BracU. Under the leadership of its Executive Director, Barrister Manzoor Hasan *OBE*, the centre has already achieved vast research, training and advocacy experiences in its three thematic areas (1) Peace and Fragility (2) Social Justice, and (3) Open Society.

Since its inception, CPJ has developed partnership with various academic institutions like National University of Singapore (NUS), Georgetown University, University of New South Wales (UNSW) and International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam. CPJ has also worked with various UN agencies, like UNDP, UN WOMEN, IOM, UNHCR, WFP, and with donors including Open Society Foundation (OSF), The Asia Foundation (TAF), DFID, USAID and Amnesty International, among others. CPJ is a founding member of the Asia Justice Coalition, which is chaired by its Executive Director.

Vision and Mission

Promoting a just, peaceful and inclusive society through education, training, research and advocacy.

Our Objectives

- Promote quality multidisciplinary education to create human capital towards ensuring sustained peace and a just society
- Undertake research on peace, fragility, social justice and open society to generate knowledge and empirical evidence
- Build capacities of practitioners, academics, researchers and trainers
- Advocate for reforms towards peace and social justice

Our Work

Training

Enhancing capacity of the informal justice sector through training on Paralegalism, promoting peace and social cohesion and creating awareness for civic education among youth.

Research

Building research capacity; creating vibrant platform for academics and researchers to gather empirical evidence on fragility, social justice and open society.

Project

Empowering youth for promoting peace, social cohesion and inclusive development in partnership with national and international development agencies.

Advocacy

Advocating global policy makers for justice & accountability for forcibly displaced Rohingya exodus from Myanmar nationals to Bangladesh.

Education

Developing education programs: there are credit as well as non-credit certificate and diploma courses on issues related to peace and justice.

Highlighted Events of 2019

- International Conclave on Justice and Accountability for the Rohingya was the most mentionable and biggest advocacy event of CPJ in 2019. It was co-convened by CPJ, partnered with International Institute for Social Studies (ISS) and Asia Justice Coalition (AJC) on October 18, 2019. The Conclave was hosted in The Hague, The Netherlands by ISS of Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- National Colloquium on Empowering Young Women: Promoting Peaceful, Cohesive and Prosperous Bangladesh was organized in March 2019 as part of the closure event of 'Empowered Women, Peaceful Communities' project funded by UN WOMEN. It was a sharing event where participants, beneficiaries and stakeholders of the project shared their experience and learning with academics, researchers, development professionals from home and abroad, and students studying at various universities.
- Established two Women Peace Café at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur and Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University, Mymensingh to promote peace and social cohesion among young students. In 2018, CPJ trained 320 female students on Entrepreneurship for Peace building and Social Cohesion who are working as WPC members in the university campus.
- A two-day regional research 'writeshop' on Access to Justice in Asia was held on March 13 to 14, 2019 at Bangkok. The research 'writeshop' was supported by Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Singapore. The two-day 'writeshop' brought together 12 authors to build a regional body of knowledge on legal empowerment and access to justice in Asia. The 'writeshop' was facilitated by Dr. Caroline Brassard, academic advisor of CPJ.
- Graduation Ceremony of Youth Volunteers for Peace and Civic Learning in Cox's Bazar. CPJ organized a Graduation Ceremony at TAI Community Centre in Kutupalong Registered Refugee Camp, Ukhiya, and Cox's Bazar October 31, 2019 to mark the end of the Community-Based Learning for Peace Project (CBLP) and Civic Outreach Projects (COP) funded by MSI-USAID.

Training and Education

In 2019, CPJ conducted following short courses and trainings.

Title	Participants
Short Course on SDG 16: Achieving Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies - 2nd batch	20 participants
Primary Training for Paralegals	21 staff members of MOVE Foundation
Basic Certificate Course for Paralegals	30 staff members of HRLS, BRAC
Basic Certificate Course for Paralegal	26 field level staff members of Nagorik Udyog

Title	Participants
Training on Human Rights and Gender	16 staff members of Centre for Disability in Development (CDD)
Refresher Training on Human Rights, Gender and Child Protection	33 teachers of Friendship at child friendly space in Rohingya camps, Cox's Bazar
Training on Peace, Gender and Leadership	26 Women Peace Café Members of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR)
Training on Peace, Gender and Leadership	26 Women Peace Café Members of Jatiya Kabi Kazi Nazrul Islam University (JKKNIU), Mymensingh
Training on Mentoring for Innovation and Social Cohesion	12 Faculty Members of BRUR and JKKNIU
Refreshers Training on Mentoring for Innovation and Social Cohesion	14 Faculty Members of BRUR and JKKNIU

Research Activities

Research Project	Status
Context Study on Promoting Peaceful Societies for Community Empowerment Programme (CEP), BRAC	Completed
Research Study on the Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Youth in Promoting Peace and Social Cohesion with UN WOMEN	Completed
Awareness and Advocacy on Social Cohesion, Resilience and Peace Building between Host Populations and Rohingya Communities, funded by UNDP Bangladesh	Completed
Mitigating Hardship with Mobility: The Coping Strategies of Rohingya in Bangladesh", funded by The Asia Foundation	Ongoing
Refugee Women and Girls- Key to the Global Compact on Refugees, in partnership with FMRN, University of New South Wales	Ongoing
Bangladesh Religious Dimensions of Development and Social Cohesion (Faith and Development) in partnership with the Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University	Ongoing
Formulation of a Roadmap for further Localizing the Humanitarian Response in Cox's Bazar, funded by UNDP Bangladesh	Ongoing

Publication

Book Chapter

Manzoor Hasan and Caroline Brassard co-authored 'Inclusive Justice for the Rohingya People: Leveraging on Legal Instruments and Community-Centric Strategies', Chapter 4, in Migration and Refugees in South Asia: Quest for New Legal Regime published by Centre for South

Asian Studies (CSAS) and Rule of Law Asia Programme, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Singapore

Journal Article

Muhammad Badiuzzaman co-authored a journal article 'Improving Maternal Health Care in a Post Conflict Setting: Evidence from Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh', The Journal of Development

Studies, 56:2, 384-400, DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2018.1554211

Op-ed and Newspaper Article

রোহিঙ্গাদের জন্য সুবিচার ও জবাবদিহিতা প্রয়োজন বহুপাক্ষিক উদ্যোগ (Multifaceted initiatives needed to ensure justice and accountability for Rohingya) by Manzoor Hasan, Executive Director of CPJ at National Daily Bangladesh Pratidin on October 30, 2019, <https://www.bd-pratidin.com/open-air-theater/2019/10/30/470444>

'Prayers are not enough' by Shahariar Sadat, Academic Coordinator, CPJ at the Dhaka Tribune on February 27, 2019, <https://www.dhakatribune.com/opinion/op-ed/2019/02/27/prayers-are-not-enough>

Projects Implementation

Title of the Project	Status
Empowered Women, Peaceful Communities (EWPC), funded by UN Women Bangladesh (Phase 3)	Ongoing
The Community Based Learning for Peace Project (CBLP), funded by MSI-USAID	Completed
The Civic Outreach Project (COP), funded by MSI-USAID	Completed

Other Important Events Organized by CPJ

- Reflection on Rohingya Crisis: Since and Beyond: CPJ presented its finding from study on the Host community's perception on Social Cohesion, Resilience and Peace Building between Host Populations and Rohingya Communities at the workshop on "Reflection on Rohingya Crisis: Since and Beyond" organized by BRAC Advocacy for Social Change on April 30, 2019
- The Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Towards Sustainable Solutions a Book Launch and Policy Colloquium: The program was jointly organized by ActionAid Bangladesh, CPJ and the Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka. The book is a compilation of the papers presented at an international conference titled "The Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Towards Sustainable Solutions" convened by the three in Dhaka August 27, 2019.

- Research Dissemination Seminar on 'Role of Faith and Faith Inspired Actors in Education: Intending to strive for plurality and diversity' organized by CPJ on the December 17, 2019.

Public Lecture Series

In 2019, CPJ organised the following public lectures:

Topic	Date
'Complex Humanitarian Emergencies and Disaster Management in Bangladesh', the 2017 Rohingya Exodus' by Dr. Alistair D. B. Cook, Coordinator of the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Programme and a research fellow at the Centre for Non-Traditional Security Studies at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	January 27
'Populism, Identity and Illiberal Behavior' by Prof. Syed Mansoor Murshed, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands	September 15
'Forced Displacement, Education and Opportunities' by Dr. Zeliha Gül İnanc Walsh, Founder of Opening Universities for Refugees and Co-director, Centre for Asia Pacific Refugee Studies, University of Auckland	October 2
'Justice and Accountability for Rohingya' by Md Shahidul Haque, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Bangladesh.	November 27

MoU and Partnerships:

- HRLS-BRAC
- PRIO-OSLO
- Member of the Asia-Justice Coalition

Engagement, Collaboration and Networking

- Understanding the Potential for Early Warning in the Context of Violent Extremism: The Role of Women in South and Southeast Asia, Bangkok: Muhammad Badiuzzaman, Research Coordinator, CPJ attended this Regional Workshop organized by UN Women Regional Office, Bangkok, Thailand, 30-31 January 2019.
- Research Workshop on Refugees and Forced Displacements: Manzoor Hasan, Executive Director of CPJ and Caroline Brassard, Academic Adviser participated as presenters and discussants in this one-day Research Workshop on 23 April, 2019.
- Regional Consultation on Rohingya Protection, Kuala Lumpur: Manzoor Hasan, Executive Director of CPJ attended this Consultation organized by Refugee Solidarity Network (RSN) held in Kuala Lumpur from 14-20 April 2019.
- Pathways to a Just and Inclusive Bangladesh: CPJ and HRLS of BRAC jointly organized the workshop on 13 June 2019.
- Roundtable on 'Statelessness and Human Rights in South Asia: A Roundtable on 'Statelessness and Human Rights in South Asia' jointly organised by CPJ and Naripokkho on 17 June 2019 in Dhaka
- International Studies Association Conference: CPJ convened a panel on "Civil Society in Asia-Pacific: Charting Bold, Compelling and Imaginative Alternatives" for the International Studies Association Conference on "Asia-Pacific and World Order: Security, Economics, Identity and Beyond", Singapore (July 4-6, 2019)
- Consultation Meeting with Civil Society on the Protection Gaps and Challenges Facing Rohingya Refugees, Dhaka and Cox's Bazar, was organized by CPJ on August 31, 2019 at Brac Centre Inn, Dhaka.
- Consultation Meeting with Lawyers on Mapping of Relevant Laws and Policies Affecting the Rohingya Population, organized by CPJ on August 31, 2019 at Brac Centre Inn, Dhaka
- 8th Asia Pro-Bono Conference, Kathmandu: CPJ played a significant role as a co-organiser, collaborator and participant in the highly successful 8th Asia Pro Bono Conference, held in Kathmandu, Nepal 12-15 September 2019.
- Manzoor Hasan, Executive Director of CPJ participated "Global Civil Society Consultation" at Johannesburg, South Africa on 31 May 2019.
- Muhammad Badiuzzaman, Research Coordinator of CPJ participated the "2019 World Conference on Statelessness and Inclusion" organized by Institute of Statelessness and Inclusion on 26 – 28 June 2019 in The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Zia Uddin, Project Manager, Empowered Women Peaceful Communities Project of CPJ participated in the Cross Culture Synergy Program funded by IFA (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen) from 22-30 October 2019 in Germany.

Control & Application Research Centre (CARC)

The Control & Applications Research Centre (CARC) has expertise and activities in the area of systems and control engineering. CARC has a strong practical focus towards its work, and many of the projects involve close collaboration with industrial organizations. We emphasize upon the application requirements and exercise established theoretical techniques to provide solutions through technological demonstration.

Vision

CARC's vision is to serve Bangladesh as a valuable resource for industry and society through excellence in scientific and technical research.

Mission

The mission of CARC is to generate, apply, and disseminate research findings, build capacity in the field by training the next generation of researchers and create collaboration and synergy programs with different institutes.

Center for Inclusive Architecture and Urbanism (Ci+AU)

Centre for Inclusive Architecture and Urbanism (Ci+AU) is a multidisciplinary research institute and offers research-based consultancy on urban issues the exploration of conditions, processes, and policies that affect the livability, resilience, and sustainability of the built environment. The Centre's mission is to create a dynamic culture of architecture and urbanism that is inclusive, empathetic, environmentally conscious, and humanistic.

By integrating rigorous research with applied consultations, Ci+AU seeks to engender a system of bottom-up thinking about how to build inclusive environments and livable cities. The Centre's collaborative and action-based research activities contribute to the development of new knowledge and offer innovative design solutions and policy guidance for both the public and private sectors. It serves policy- and decision-makers, professional agencies and organizations, development agencies, stakeholders in urban development, and academia, with a view to creating a platform for critical thinking around community-driven architecture and urbanism in the Global South and beyond.

Leadership

Founded by Professor Adnan Zillur Morshed, BracU, Dhaka, and Catholic University of America, Washington, DC in 2017, the Centre's current advisory board includes Professor Mark Jarzombek, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Professor Rahul Mehrotra, Harvard University, Professor Haider A. Khan, University of Denver, Professor Howard Davis, University of Oregon, Professor Firdous Azim, BracU, and Professor Syed Saad Andaleeb, Penn State University. Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, KCMG, Founder of BRAC and BracU, was also an integral member of the centre's inaugural Board of Directors.

Academic Program(s)

The Centre is a multi-tiered collaborative for the study of architecture and urbanism by bringing together a multi-disciplinary group of educators, researchers, policymakers, urban administrators, students, and practitioners. It will:

- provide a platform to inquire into the critical issues that affect, influence, and condition the production of the built environment
- encourage and promote scholarly research on urban and environmental issues
- disseminate innovative ideas on people-centered urbanism to other researchers, agencies, and organizations interested in the built environment
- improve communication between researchers, practitioners, and urban stakeholders
- offer consultancy service to both public and private sector clients intending to serve the urban population of all economic strata
- collaborate with all urban stakeholders to create livable cities and sustainable living conditions
- organize capacity-building programs to empower urban administrators and stakeholders
- host local and international researchers interested in urban and environmental issues

Furthermore, Ci+AU has created a Visiting Scholar Program to offer researchers from around the world the opportunity to collaborate with our team on short-term projects. This program aims to generate new ideas and scholarships on a range of subjects including urban design, architecture, environmental management and ethics, and social history. By inviting foreign scholars to engage with our dedicated staff of architects, designers and urbanists, the program hopes to facilitate the meaningful cross-fertilisation of ideas and build a dynamic environment to promote new research.

Achievements (in 2019)

- Ci+AU has completed the design consultancy for BRAC Construction to design eight BRAC Regional Offices across Bangladesh. All eight offices have been constructed.

- Ci+AU has completed the design proposal for Aarong Earth, a prototype display center for Aarong's herbal products to be used in all Aarong outlets.
- Ci+AU has undertaken a research project to study toilet hygiene among rural adolescent school girls and to build a prototype toilet in Jhalokati, Barishal. The project was implemented in December 2019.
- Ci+AU has designed a low-cost children's school for Rohingya children in Cox's Bazar.

Research Activities, Grants and Awards

Research Activity:

- Invited by Chattogram City Corporation, Ci+AU has researched and proposed urban development schemes for three major sites in Chattogram. The proposal was presented to Chattogram Mayor, Chattogram Development Authority Chairman, and civil society members in December 2019. The proposal is under consideration for implementation.

- Ci+AU has undertaken a research project to study the feasibility of transforming Dhaka's flyovers into multiuse infrastructures. A grant proposal for corporate sponsorship has been submitted to Shah Cement (result pending)

Grant Application:

Commonwealth Foundation Grant, 200,000 British Pound (2019, result pending) Partnering with JPG School of Public Health, Ci+AU proposed a cost-efficient and sanitary toilet for adolescent female students to improve their menstrual hygiene, which will transform the idea of a toilet from a negative and socially stigmatized space to a positive and community-driven facility. It will change the attitude of adolescent boys, parents, and teachers regarding the specific health needs of girls. Furthermore, a gender-friendly toilet helps improve the self-esteem of girls, empowering them to be productive citizens.

Professional Development Centre (PDC)

The Professional Development Centre (PDC) is an innovation of Brac University dedicated to promoting excellence in education through shared understanding and best practice. The centre was previously known as the Teaching & Learning Centre, opened in 2006. PDC strives to build a creative environment of pedagogical development and research that fosters innovation across the university in collaboration with faculty and administrative staff. The focus of the centre is to keep the campus community updated with pedagogical developments, coordinate academic resources, support professional development and contribute to successful student learning. From group events to personalized attention, the PDC supports measurable effectiveness in faculty development, course instruction and assessment, scholarly research, and innovation in education technologies. Our expanding activities and services include orientations, workshops and seminars, individual consultations, pedagogical research, teaching courses and program design.

Vision

PDC will be a dynamic platform for promoting best teaching/learning practices, effective educational leadership and management, and inclusion and social justice in higher educational institutions of Bangladesh, South Asia, and beyond. The centre will develop processes by which both local and global experiences of academic and professional development are explored. Simultaneously, it will facilitate research-informed, sustainable and

innovative professional development schemes for pre- and in-service academic and administrative staff of higher educational institutions. Whereas university academics will be the primary beneficiaries of the centre, the greater stakeholder community will include students, management staff and anyone interested in education industries.

Mission

The core mission of the centre is to assist Brac University and other local higher educational institutions in evaluating and embracing effective modes of teaching practices that deliver excellent educational experience to students. The centre works with academics across disciplines in designing and re-designing academic programmes through realistic considerations of content, pedagogy, assessment, student management, mentorship and supervision, and impact/target review. The issues related to diversity, learner autonomy and voice along with the transferability of learning to workplaces, people and society are also the priorities of the centre. Additionally, in order to create a transparent and active professional development environment, the centre is maintaining an effective communication link within and among departments along with intra- and inter- universities.

In the near future, PDC is keen on exploring, designing and implementing professional development programs for research and management staff of BRAC and public/private universities.

Center for Emotional Intelligence and Innovation (CEII)

Leadership

Lady Syeda Sarwat Abed Advisor

Abdullah R. Chowdhury (Robin) Director

Programs

- a. Empathy Lab
- b. School Outreach Program (SOP)
- c. Student innovation support programs
- d. Research
- e. Community engagements
- f. Staff & faculty training

Achievements in 2019

- SOP was selected as one of the 75 innovations in universities across the world by the Millions of Changemakers initiative
- Six innovations by students were successfully launched with community impact

- A week-long training program for senior BracU staff and faculty members was organized in partnership with the Government of Bhutan at the Institute of Wellbeing, Bhutan.

Research Activities, Grants, and Awards

- Development of a Social-Emotional Learning Framework (SELF), incorporating social-emotional learning with education for sustainable development objectives

Facts and Figures

- Total students directly involved with empathy lab and innovation projects is approximately 100
- Total student indirectly involved with the Centre is approximately 1000
- Total faculty members who attended training is approximately 45



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LIST OF ACRONYMS

Office of the Vice Chancellor

Prof. Vincent Chang, PhD, Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Mohammad Tamim, PhD, Pro-Vice Chancellor

Mr. Shib Narayan Kairy, Treasurer

Mr. Jonathan Cartmell, Vice President International and Interim Head of HR

Professor M. Mahboob Rahman, PhD, Vice President, Administration, Chief of Staff, and Advisor for Business and Executive Programs.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor is the executive wing of Brac University, and functions as the management oversight body for all administrative, academic and support services throughout the university. This Office is responsible for the strategic management of institutional operations and for providing guidelines for tactical solutions. The Office of the Vice Chancellor coordinates with academic heads and office managers to ensure efficiency of operations and also provides leadership for future directions. The Office is

responsible for carrying out the institutional mission and for fulfilling the institutional vision. The Office of the Vice Chancellor formulates policies, provides guidelines and resources for implementation, and ensures evaluative measures. The executives in this office are the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, the Treasurer, Vice President, International, and Vice President, Administration, Chief of Staff, and Advisor for Business and Executive Programs.

Ayesha Abed Library

The Ayesha Abed Library at BracU aims to become a world-class knowledge resource centre and provide innovative services and collections to support academic and research activities of the university community.

In 2019, Ayesha Abed Library continued to strengthen and expand its collections and its services by purchasing and subscribing to print and electronic resources and to develop and maintain the required technical infrastructure for accessing these resources. Patterns of enquiries has been changed with an increase in electronic queries and use of social media, where postings can serve as a forum for feedback and questions. A departmental library has been setup in the Architecture Department and a new librarian recruited. A proposal for BracU library floor plan for new campus along with a plan for establishing a Digital Scholarship and Innovation Lab was prepared and submitted by the librarian.

Library Highlights of 2019

Collection Development

The library was able to extend the range and depth of the collection by subscribing to thousands of e-journals and databases through two Consortium - UGC Digital Library (UDL) and Library Consortium of Bangladesh (LiCoB), previously (INASP/ PERIL Consortium).

- 2757 printed books were added to the main collection.
- Library continued to subscribe more than 56000 online journals and databases.
- Economic & Political Weekly has been added to this new collection.
- 1213 number of documents (Theses, Dissertation, Internship Report, Annual Report etc) were added into Dspace (<http://dspace.bracu.ac.bd>).
- A collection page for BRAC Research and Evaluation (RED) Archive has been incorporated into BracU Institutional Repository. A total of 601 documents including 151 Economic Studies, 231 Health

Studies, 191 Social Studies and 15 other documents were received, scanned and archived in the BracU Institutional Repository.

- The expenditure related to Printed Books were Taka 50,65,010/-
- The expenditure related to Online Journals and Databases, eBooks, OpenAthens and Turnitin Taka 2,593,329/-

Library Technology and Systems

During the year we continued to manage, upgrade and maintain the Integrated Library Management System (ILS) Koha, Institutional Repository (Dspace), Library Discovery Tool (EDS & VuFind), Library Website (Drupal CMS) and library mobile interface. We also explored and developed technology solutions to support library users. Some highlights are given below:

- Developed a Thesis and Internship Report Template for undergraduate and master's program students.
- Maintained network of Library Learning Resource Centre and other Workstations of the library.
- Created the technical documentations and on-demand report generation when necessary from the ILS.
- Maintained OpenAthens remote access facilities and anti-plagiarism web tool, Turnitin.
- Updated Institutional Repository System from DSpace 5.3 to 6.3 for better performance and UI design.
- Initiated new website for the library.

Trainings and Workshops Conducted

Research Skills Workshop

The library conducted 17 basic and customized research-skills workshops (information literacy) for both students and faculty members. The workshop aimed to help familiarize the students with the library resources and its mechanisms, research tools, reference management tools and techniques

and codes of avoiding academic misconduct and other academic research conduct.

Author Workshop on Plagiarism Detection Tool: Turnitin

Ayesha Abed Library in collaboration with TurnitIndia Education organized an author workshop on *Plagiarism Detection Tool: Turnitin* for faculty members and researchers on February 10 and 13, 2019 respectively.

Akshay Prasanna from TurnitIndia Education Pvt. Ltd was the facilitator of the workshop. Mr. Prasanna showed how to use Turnitin more effectively, what is similarity Index, how can one prevent plagiarism by knowing similarity, why Turnitin similarity check report, how to give a more accurate report, what is plagiarism and what are its effect on Institution. A good number of faculty members and researchers of BracU attended the workshop.



Author Workshop on Scopus, ScienceDirect & Mendeley

An Author Workshop on Scopus, Mendeley & ScienceDirect in collaboration with Elsevier was organized on July 10, 2019 at the GDLN Centre, BracU. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Vishal Gupta, Customer Consultant-South Asia from Elsevier.122

Partnership, Collaboration, Training and Professional Development

Hasina Afroz, University Librarian, BracU has been nominated as a member of Cambridge University Press Global Advisory Board for two years. The Librarian attended Cambridge University Press South Asia Global Advisory Board Meeting in New Delhi from November 18 to 19, 2019.



The Librarian was invited to attend the 5th South Asia eBook Forum 2019 from May 21 to 23, 2019 in India by Elsevier. The theme of the forum was "Evidence & Impact: Transforming Research through Analytics and Insights".



The Librarian attended Focus Group Discussion Meeting on Open Access in LMICs, organized by INASP and DFID, UK. she also acted as Member of the UGC Digital Library Consortium Expert Committee, Coordinating Committee and Negotiation Committee. She also worked as Primary Contact Person for QS and Times Higher Education world University Rankings in 2019. She attended Focus Group Discussion Meeting on Open Access in LMICs, organized by INASP and DFID, UK.

Parvez Ahmed and Md. Shahajada Masud Anowarul Haque, Sr. Asst. Librarians, BracU successfully completed the Research4Life MOOC (HINARI, AGORA, ARDI, OARE, and GOALI) online course from November 11 to December 15, 2019. This online course was jointly funded by Elsevier Foundation and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Additionally, Md. Shahajada completed the Scopus Certification Program for Librarians organized by Elsevier from June 3 to July 15, 2019.

Hasina Afroz, University Librarian along with Omar Hassan Khan, Assistant System Programmer, BracU attended a workshop on 'Times Higher Education Data Masterclass-World University

Rankings' held at North South University (NSU) on November 14, 2019. The main objective of the workshop was to promote the understanding and the implementation of the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings, and to create competition among the institutions in Bangladesh and abroad. Ritin Malhotra, Regional Director (South Asia) of THE World University Rankings, was present as the keynote speaker.

Md. Shahajada Masud Anowarul Haque, Sr. Asst. Librarian and Mr. Sakib Ahmed, Assistant System Programmer, BracU attended a Digital Library Training workshop on December 3, 2019 organized by University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh.

Hasina Afroz, University Librarian and Md. Shahajada Masud Anowarul Haque, Sr. Asst. Librarian, BracU attended a National Policy Workshop on the Development of Public Libraries on April 28, 2019. Moreover, Md. Nasir Uddin, Deputy Librarian, BracU attended a "Policy workshop on the formulation of a National Policy for Public Libraries of Bangladesh" on December 11, 2019. The workshops were jointly organized by the Department of Public Libraries and the British Council's Libraries Unlimited Project.

Statistical Summary

		2016	2017	2018	2019
Expenditure related Printed books/E-books		2191401	2421092	2833147	5065010
Expenditure related Online Journal Subscription		552410	699438	1579879	2593329
Total Number of Information Literacy Sessions		47	40	39	15
Total number of students and faculty attended Literacy Session		1257	1390	1120	330
Total Loans and Renewals		85843	108474	117334	123127
Total Holds		1099	1268	1431	1314
Total E-books Downloads		9048	8504	6451	13691
Online Journal articles Downloads		45015	51577	51520	74169
Number of Successful login through Open Athens		5377	6054	6396	5051
Total number of books Catalogued Books		740	1788	1438	2757
Total Mapped E-books		71150	74480	58491	59671
Total Mapped E-Journals		53100	56650	56000	56000
Total number of theses and Report uploaded into Dspace		1584	1105	2093	1213
Reference Enquiry		6005	6950	9000	12250
Online Reference Enquiry (email, facebook and library mobile website)		1060	2100	4697	6677
Originality Reports Checked by Turnitin		1969	2484	5244	7573
SMS notification sent to library users		105790	153218	163476	180317
Ayesha Abed Library Website http://library.bracu.ac.bd	Page Views	93251	145940	158806	162293
	Users	15177	13112	14227	20655
	Returning Visitors	14643	19958	3951	4187
	New Visitors	19343	12594	12640	20107
Mobile Website http://library.bracu.ac.bd/m	Page Views	12115	23696	39174	44734
	Users	4373	7223	9949	12814
	Returning Visitors	4211	12138	4048	4416
	New Visitors	5438	6976	9502	12256
Institutional Repository site http://dspace.bracu.ac.bd	Page Views	589746	761785	1144353	1275354
	Users	65705	87645	129031	1357180
	Returning Visitors	20124	86961	18882	50785
	New Visitors	65475	27695	127908	1353807

Inquiries, Originality Reports, SMS	2016	2017	2018	2019
Reference Inquiries	6005	6950	9000	12250
Online Inquiries (Email, Facebook, Library Mobile Website etc)	1060	2100	4697	6677
Originality Reports checked by Turnitin	1969	2,484	5244	7573
SMS notification sent to library users	105790	153218	163476	180317

Information Literacy Classes 2012-2018 (Training in using library and information resources)								
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Sessions	91	95	55	39	47	40	39	15
Participants	2400	2565	1415	1303	1257	1300	1120	330

Number of Visits to Ayesha Abed Library Website, Mobile Website and Institutional Repository site Source: Google Analytics 2018				
	Page Views	Users	Returning Visitors	New Visitors
Library Website	158,806	14,227	3,951	13,640
Library Mobile Website	39,174	9,949	4,048	9,502
Institutional Repository	1,144,353	129,031	18,882	127,908

Number of Visits to Ayesha Abed Library Website, Mobile Website and Institutional Repository site Source: Google Analytics 2019				
Page Views	Users	Returning Visitors	New Visitors	
Library Website	162,293	20013	4187	20107
Library Mobile Website	39,174	9,949	4416	12256
Institutional Repository	1,144,353	129,031	50785	1353807

Logistics and Support Services Department

Overview

BracU Logistics and Support Service Department plays a crucial role by providing safety and security, maintenance, transport and logistical support to facilitate academic and other related activities of the university.

Core Functions of Logistics and Support Services Department

The Logistics and Support Service Office has a wide-ranging core functions which are integral to the smooth running of the university. Below are some of its core functions and responsibilities:

- Provide logistical support to ensure smooth running of all academic and non-academic activities
- Ensure healthy and hygienic environment of the university
- Ensure safety and security on campus for the university
- Provide support during the admission process and different academic events of the university
- Look after all fixed and variable assets
- Ensure maintenance of all assets as well as all buildings of the university
- Provide logistic support across the university
- Provide transport facilities for faculty, staff and students and during events of the

university

- Provide and support renovation works for the university
- Provide suitable residence for the foreign officials

Highlights 2019

- Successfully completed 13th Convocation by providing all kinds of logistic support
- Provided logistical support for all admission tests in every semester
- Provided supports for conducting classes and exams
- Provided logistic support for all workshops, seminars and conferences across the university
- Provided all kinds of logistical and transport support for BracU, BracU new campus and Residential Semester, Savar.
- Provided all kinds of renovation works for the university
- Arranged training for service staffs to motivate their attitude and behaviour
- Established good relationship with government office, private offices, internal department as well as local community
- Met all administrative requirements as established by the higher authorities of the university

Infrastructure and Assets of the University

Assets and Resources	Total Vehicles	Staff working under Brac University Administration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Building : 09 • Total space: 2,97, 950 sft • Class rooms: 85 • Computer Labs: 28 • Architecture Studios: 09 • EEE & ECE Labs : 15 • Pharmacy Lab: 6 • Library Thesis Lab: 3 • Mathematics and Natural Science Lab:14 • Listening & Writing Lab: 01 • Faculty and Staff Rooms: 309 • ACs: 675 • Furniture for Classrooms for Students: 5304 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses : 02 • Jeeps : 03 • Avenza: 06 • Cars: 08 • Microbus:13 • Pickup:02 • Ambulance:01 • Drivers: 35 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Assistant: 105 • Maintenance Staff: 43 • Telephone Operator: 02 • Gardeners: 02 • Security Staff : 120 • Cleaners(Out sourced) : 56

Counseling Centre

Brief Overview of Counseling Unit

The mission of the Counseling Unit is to offer professional mental health services to assist in overcoming life's challenges and moving towards positive changes. The counselors are committed to fostering a non-threatening and non-judgmental environment in which strict confidentiality and ethical guidelines are maintained and individual and cultural differences are respected.

The activities of the unit are run by a team of skilled psychosocial counselors and Dr. Mehtab Khanam working as Clinical Supervisor. The team is led by Kara Fraser, Director of Campus Life.

Activities and achievements:

The team provides a wide range of support services and educational programs both at the Mohakhali and Savar Campus.

Psychological Counseling Service:

The Counseling Unit offers individual, group, couple and family counselling sessions to students and parents, as well as to the faculty members and staff of BracU. In 2019, the unit provided individual counseling services to around 600 students with about 2000 sessions conducted, most of which were self-referred, while the rest were referred to by the BracU faculty members and authority. The unit also arranged several group counseling sessions and family counseling sessions.

Workshop, Training, Seminar Conducted:

In 2019, the Counseling Unit launched the Peer Support Program to develop a support system within the students to promote individual and collective wellbeing with a higher sense of self-awareness and life skills. Moreover, several programs were organized on yoga and meditation such as 'Yoga and Meditation Retreat', and 'Weekly sessions from Yoga and Meditation Society' to connect with inner self, manage stress, and improve physical and mental wellbeing. The unit also reached out to other stakeholders of the university community through counseling sessions, educational programs and workshops (e.g. "Mental Health Services at BracU and student referral process", and "Greif process and healing") for members of the faculty and administration at BracU.

The Unit organized a seminar on Parenting to promote mutual respect, empathetic understanding in parent-child relationships. The Unit members also facilitated seminars on Awareness on Drug Dependency at the Residential Campus to educate youth about the negative consequences of abusing drugs. The Counseling Unit observed this year's World Mental Health Day with a Round-Table discussion on Promoting Mental Health Wellbeing of Young Adults where several mental health professionals, faculty members and other stakeholders of different academic and health institutions were present to enrich the discussion.



Community Service:

In 2019, in collaboration with Centre for Emotional Intelligence and Innovation, the Counseling Unit visited several schools across Dhaka and other districts to give talks and conduct workshops on empathy, parenting, self-awareness and other psychosocial issues.

Professional Skills Development:

In 2019, members of the Unit attended different trainings and workshops including:

- Certified Transactional Analysis (CTA) program
- Psycho-traumatology and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Family Therapy
- Crisis Preparedness and Management for Mental Health

Staff Overview:

Psychosocial Counselors:

- Shami Suhrid
- Tasnuva Huque
- Monzia Mushtaq
- Anne Anthonia Baroi
- Kazi Rumana Haque
- Ayesha Seddiqa
- Tanzila Huq
- Tammat Binte Mizan
- Zayed Bin Farid
- Safina Binte Enayet (On study leave)

Clinical Supervisor:

- Dr. Mehtab Khanam

Head of the Unit:

- Karla Fraser

Finance and Accounts Department



From left Tania Chowdhury, Mahamudur Rahman, Syed Romit Rahman, Zillur Rahman, Ahmed Raihan Ferdous, Imran Khan Titil, Azharul Islam Bhuiyan, Fariba Aziz, Humayun Bashar, Syed Mohibul Morshed, Monojit Kumar Ojha FCA, Mohammad Kamruzzaman, S. N. Kairy, Sumon Chandra Das, Nusrat Zahan, Amdadul Islam, Nazmul Hasan, Subrota Samadder, Golam Kibria and Md. Touhidul Islam, ACA.

BracU Finance and Accounts department performs a key role within the university in improving operational efficiency, and enhancing management for making decision regarding finance and accounting affairs of the university. The department operates under the supervision of the Treasurer, S. N. Kairy, and the Finance Director, Monojit Kumar Ojha, FCA.

The Finance and Accounts department has extended its support in fulfilling the vision of BracU 2.0 of becoming Bangladesh's flagship university by providing various services including.

Activities of the Department

- Students' account for tuition, admission and other fees management
- All financial and accounting management
- Fund position report, and monthly central budget variance report
- Monthly and annual financial statements
- Financial projections
- Scholarship reports
- Provident fund and gratuity fund management

- Support for the preparation of project proposals
- Research grants (from home and abroad) management
- Financial management of research projects
- Support for conducting project audit
- Donor reports
- Taxation- individual and corporate
- Payroll management
- Fixed-asset management
- Cash and cheque management
- Budget and budgetary control
- BracU new campus financial management
- Support for internal auditors to conduct internal audit
- Support for external auditors to conduct statutory audit, etc.

Overall, the Finance and Accounts department provides financial information, analysis and reports to the management and assists in the policy and decision-making process of BracU.

Internal Audit & Compliance Department



From left to right: Mahboob Mokaddes Biswas, Manager; Manindra Nath Tarafder, Head of Internal Audit & Compliance; and Md. Abu Sadak Mojumdar. Manager.

Background

The Internal Audit & Compliance Department (IA&CD) provides independent, objective assurance and consultation services designed to add value and improve the operations of the university. IA&CD helps the university accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of governance, risk management and internal control processes.

IA&CD plays an important role in the assessment of university's compliance with applicable laws, regulations and contracts to ensure that the management addresses these requirements adequately.

Responsibility

The responsibility of IA&CD includes:

- Examination of transactions and events for accuracy, integrity and reliability

- Supervision to ensure that BracU is carrying out its academic, research, administrative, financial and other activities in full compliance with the policies, procedures, laws, and regulations of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh
- Evaluation of the means of safeguarding assets and, as appropriate, verifying the existence of such assets
- Investigation of significant suspected fraudulent activities within BracU as assigned by management and notifying management, as appropriate, of the results

Reporting

IA&CD typically issues reports at the end of each audit assignment and the report is distributed as per the instruction of the Senior Management.

Human Resources Department

The Human Resources Department is one of the core administrative departments at Brac University. It supports the aims of the university by recruiting talented individuals, supporting employee development and implementing robust HR processes that increase discretionary effort.

During 2019, HR played an integral role in supporting the recruitment of global talent by conducting a large number of searches in Bangladesh and internationally. Numerous advertising channels were utilized including the Times Higher Education, the Chronicle of Higher Education and by profiling the university at specialist conferences.

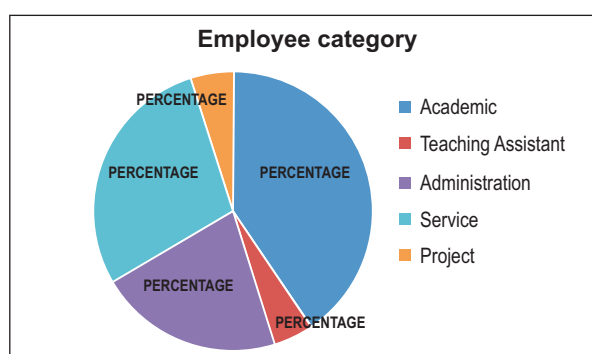
In total 233 new employees were recruited including 147 regular employees.

The faculty performance management process was revised to assess performance across a broader range of measures. This was largely successful and provides a solid foundation for further improvements in 2020.

HR staff was integrally involved in the planning and implementation of the SAP HCM system. Many current HRIS processes are manual and we hope that once SAP HCM is fully implemented there will be significant improvements in the operational efficiency and the creation of a reliable platform to provide additional HRIS functionality in the future



HR policies and procedures are being updated regularly to ensure the welfare of the employees and the university. We welcome new employees through an induction program with an overview of the organization and communicating the general expectations of the university to the new employees. HR continues to create a strong bond between employees and the university.



Information Technology Department

About the Department

The main focus of the Information and Technology (IT) department is to strive to provide quality support service within the shortest possible time for all information and technology related services as is required by students, faculty and staff, as well as to bring new innovations to gradually increase automated IT related services around the campus.

Key Achievements of the Previous Year -2019

The implementation of the first phase of Savar RS Wi-fi services were completed and commissioned, covering most of the campus. The second phase will be designed to implement full coverage of the Savar RS campus as per the request of the Savar authorities.

Due to the constant increase in the demand for accessing YouTube and Facebook, a new redundant fibre optic connectivity was introduced to improve connectivity and bandwidth speeds for Savar RS. The internet bandwidth has been enhanced to over 150 Mbps and also a tertiary 50 Mbps radio link has been connected to provide uninterrupted internet services, even when the fibre links are down.

Firewall installed with the USIS server cluster had proved to be very effective in relation to the intrusion detection and prevention and preventing such attacks as DDOS, malware, hacking, etc. USIS software is continuously being worked on to improve performance and efficiency, speed of execution, etc. and lately, the entire USIS software has been further streamlined to ensure more accuracy. IT looks forward to further update the USIS.

During 2019, StraVis Limited, an Indian company hired to implement the SAP S4/HANA for higher education, worked to implement and train support engineers and software developers. The first phase implementation of the SAP ERP software for the campus is complete and will be ready for commissioning by March, 2020.

The pre-registration sessions for the 2019 Spring, Summer and Fall semesters were successfully carried out making adjustments for the increased student enrolment. Notably, the highest number of on-line pre-registration to date was successfully completed in the Spring 2019 semester.

Connectivity to BdREN has been improved in terms of connectivity uptime, services and the stability of the network of BdREN.

On-line payment services have been implemented for Southeast Bank Ltd, One Bank Limited, Dhaka Bank, Brac Bank to make online payment and collection of tuition and other fees more convenient.

Technological logistic support was provided for the orientation programs for the 2019 Spring, Summer and Fall semesters. The logistics included up-to-date LED display panels, sound systems, videography, etc.

The entire technological logistic support for the 13th Convocation of BracU was organized and implemented by IT. LED screens and sound systems were installed to provide well-distributed sound and high quality video. Simultaneously, IT managed the live streaming in Facebook and YouTube of the entire program.

The DR (disaster recovery) site, hosted at the Intercloud Data Centre, has been providing seamless automatic failover transition during outages of the website and the USIS.

IT has completed the implementation of the CCTV security and surveillance network using IP camera and network devices that are connected to a central command and monitoring station. This system connects all 8 buildings of the Mohakhali campus.

Partial Wi-Fi coverage of places frequented by the students, like Prangon, Cafeteria, indoor games facility, auditorium, was completed so that students may have access to the network outside the computer labs.

Student gsuite accounts have been introduced and made mandatory for the students to be able to obtain the various services provided by the university, including access to learning materials through the newly purchased Moodle, an LMS platform services for the distribution of learning materials.

The BracU mobile app has been upgraded by the IT software department with new graphics and smoother operational features.

The negotiations related to the implementation of the IT LAN using CAT6A, optical fibre network, data centre requirements, cooling and backup power supply arrangements for the new campus were finalized with Strategic Data Governance, the Singapore IT Consultant, which coordinate with the Singapore-based consultant WOHA and BUCG, the primary construction company for the new campus.

Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of BracU was established in July, 2015 in order to ensure quality education at the tertiary level. IQAC was established as a project for a period of 3 years with financial assistance from HEQEP, UGC and the World Bank. IQAC will become a permanent organ of the university after three years and its operations will be sustained and maintained under the revenue budget of the university.

General Objective

IQAC aims to promote a quality enhancement culture within the university by ensuring that the academic entity adopts and implements Quality Assurance (QA) standards and benchmarked quality criteria.

Specific Objectives of the IQAC

- Review existing policies and procedures of BracU
- Assess and strengthen capacity for effective governance, teaching-learning, research and community service
- Institutionalize quality assurance systems within the university
- Prepare the university to meet external quality assurance assessment and accreditation requirements

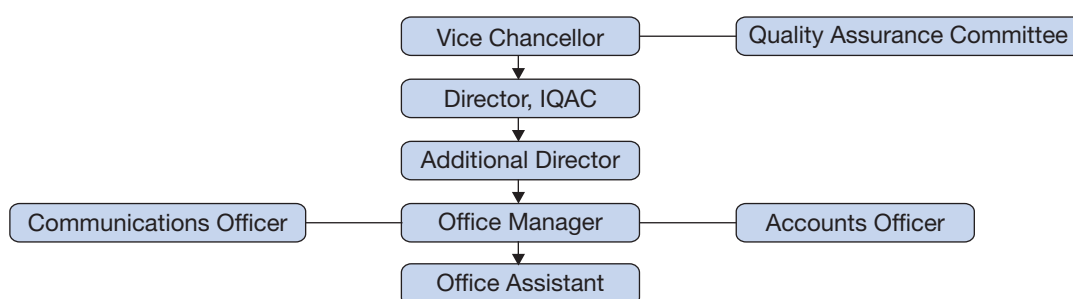
- Monitor and evaluate Self-Assessment (SA) practices and processes through audit, survey and other instruments
- Co-ordinate all QA related activities at the national level and liaise with UGC and other external QA agencies

The role of IQAC

The IQAC was set up following an administrative order of the university authority. It is organized in a manner which befits the size, existing structure and capacity of the university as delineated in the Act. The role of IQAC is to:

- support the university in achieving its vision of providing quality tertiary education
- function as a central quality assurance cell for the university and review existing standards and procedures
- develop new standards, policies, systems, processes and procedures by adopting and incorporating best practices
- systematically monitor and evaluate university practices and processes through audit, survey and other instruments as deemed fit to ensure generally acceptable standards of quality

Organogram of IQAC, BRAC University



Summary of IQAC Activities in 2019

- Provided training on newly designed Out-Come-Based (OBE) curriculum.
- Arranged workshop to update curriculum according to OBE for the programs: Physics, Applied Physics, Mathematics, Biotechnology, and Microbiology.
- Started Self-Assessment (SA) activities by forming Faculty Self-Assessment

Committee under the guidance of the Self-Assessment Committees (SAC) of three new departments: Anthropology, Brac Institute of Languages, and Mathematics. Self-Assessment (SA) activities of thirteen (13) programs have already been completed according to the Self-Assessment Manual of Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP).

Medical Centre



BracU Medical Center provides medical service to its students, faculty and staff. The Center is well equipped to provide the university community with emergency medical service, medical advice and necessary referrals. Both Medical Centers, in main campus at Mohakhali and in Residential Campus at Savar, have their own dedicated medical teams consisting of qualified and professional doctors and nurses. An overview of the function of the centres in 2019 is given below.

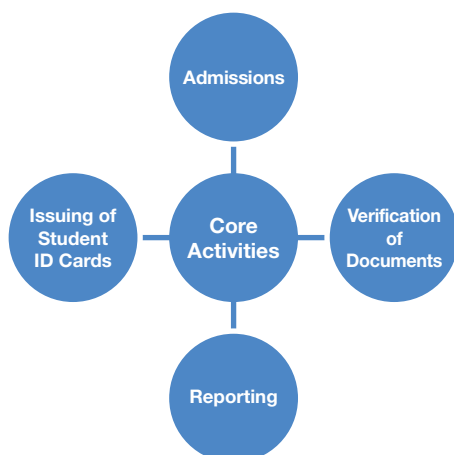
- A total of 17274 patients, 12933 students and 4341 faculty and staff members, visited the Medical Center at BracU main campus and Savar campus for various health problems. All were given necessary advice and prescription after their clinical evaluation.
- The most common disease treated was Respiratory Tract Infections (2486). Other diseases included Gastrointestinal (GIT) problems (2247), traumatic and burn injuries (1802), common cold and viral fever (1411), skin diseases (673), ear problem (597), gynecological problems (448), bronchial asthma (340), dental problem (299), eye problem (231) and hypertension (98). There were also 6313 other symptoms and diseases.
- A medical team gave first-aid training to 75 office assistants and 20 female security guards.
- The Medical Centre gave vaccines to 34 high risk people for Tetanus, Tig and Hepatitis-B.
- The Centre performed blood sugar tests for 235 people and blood grouping for 8 people.
- The Centre designed and posted various awareness posters pertaining to health issues and subsequent prevention measures. The issues included personal hygiene, bronchial asthma, dengue fever, conjunctivitis, chicken pox and seasonal awareness.
- Health check-up of around 2968 students attending the residential semester was conducted.
- Blood donation programs were organised at the main campus.
- To ensure safe drinking water, water sample from eight buildings of BracU, hostel, and Savar campus was collected and tested at the labs of MNS department and ICDDR, B.
- The medical team made daily visits to the BracU Female accommodation and BracU cafeteria at both the Mohakhali and Savar campus to ensure healthy environment and food hygiene.
- The medical team collected blood samples to be tested at the laboratories of the MNS and Pharmacy departments.
- The medical team disposed of lab waste product from the Pharmacy labs maintaining the proper protocol for disposal of hazardous materials.

Office of the Registrar

The mission of the Office of the Registrar is to provide students with best possible services and the most up-to-date and supportive information in an efficient and expeditious manner. To that end, the Office supports the academic mission of the university by providing administrative, logistics support and assistance to the university community. The office of registrar is segmented into focused branches, each responsible for its own territory as well the collaboration across the board.

Office of Admissions

This office is responsible for all admissions in BracU and for certifying student enrolment in collaboration BracU Office of Admissions (OAD), which administers the entire admission and registration procedure. Their core activities are:



Overview of enrolled students from 2017-2019

Year	Undergraduate		Post-graduate		Total Male	Total Female	Total Students
	Male	Female	Male	Female			
2017	4311	2864	613	515	4924	3379	8303
2018	4679	3108	622	501	5301	3609	8910
2019	5140	3888	886	652	6026	4540	10566

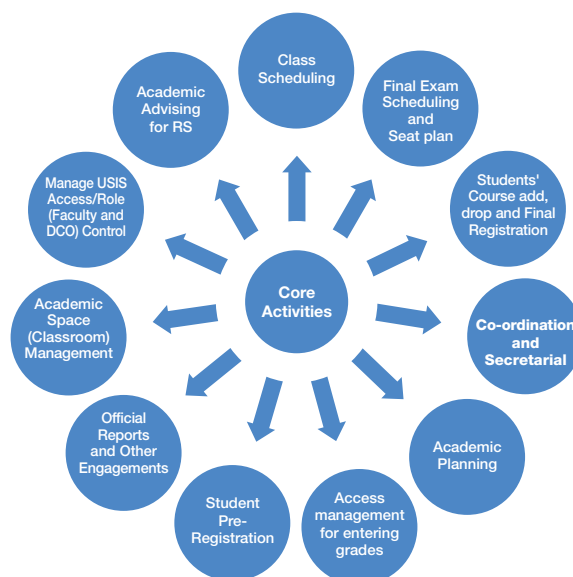
Academic Registry Office

Effective operation of BracU requires effective and efficient operation of Academic Registry Office. This office is mainly responsible for the supervision and management of all academic operational matters, which include:

- maintaining up-to-date information about the course being offered in every semester;
- scheduling class and final examination;
- invigilating and managing efficient use of classrooms for courses and admission test;
- providing student related information;
- assisting the management and other administrative offices on academic matters;
- ensuring course enrolment and registration through USIS.

In addition, the office provides supports for the course registration of more than 9,500 students each semester.

The core activities of the Office of Academic Registry are shown in the following diagram:





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Day-Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	Day-Month	July	August	September	October	November	December	January 2020
Sunday			31			30	Sunday	1		1			1	
Monday				1			Monday	2		2			2	
Tuesday	1			2			Tuesday	3		3	1		3	
Wednesday	2			3	1 May Day		Wednesday	4		4	2		4	1
Thursday	3			4	2		Thursday	5		5	3		5	2
Friday	4	1	1 Independence Day (Public Holiday)	5	3		Friday	6	2	6	4	1	6	3
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Saturday			30			29	Saturday		31			30		

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Office of Communications

The Office of Communications (OoC) is a key player in the niche BracU comfortably carved out for itself in the world of higher education. Be it media coverage, event management and documentation, promotional material development or the evolution of synergy and rapport, OoC shines the spotlight on the BracU brand, ensuring that the message disperses far and wide. OoC delves into the depths of BracU's melting pot of students, teachers and

staff and, on a daily basis, manages comprehensive corporate marketing, communications and implementation of PR strategies, keeping BU one step ahead in its league. To keep stakeholders up-to-date and maintain a top-notch network, OoC makes use of, among the myriad of platforms, the BracU website, the BracU Facebook page and other evolving and upcoming mediums.

Procurement Department

BracU Procurement department is committed to partner in accomplishing BracU's mission, objectives and goals. The department officials are experienced and hardworking and extensively contributes to the smooth operation of the university's departments, schools and institutes. In the year 2019, The Procurement department continues to be committed to make sure to procure and deliver the right goods, equipment and services at the right time and at the best cost. Keeping in mind the significance of an effective and value-driven procurement department, BracU Procurement department continues to build relationships, maintain professional integrity, and sustain a cost-saving attitude in its everyday work. This department also manages the procurement activities of the BracU New Campus Project.

In 2019, the total purchase amount was around 1,172.87 million taka compared to 162.82 million taka of the previous year. A large portion of this purchase amount, around 986.11 million taka, was for the new campus. Of the remaining amount, 146.05 million taka was for the BracU main campus, 12.85 million taka was for James P Grant School of Public Health and 27.87 million taka was for Brac Institute of Governance and Development.

Some key features of note during 2019 are as follows:

- One of the major tasks for the procurement department is the new campus, which is currently under construction. A significant development of the new campus took place in 2019. Construction of 3 basements and 4 storeys of civil works at zone C have been completed. The construction materials, like rebar and cement, were procured by the

procurement department. Additionally, a significant support for the shipment of the pre-engineering steel imported from China was supported by the procurement department by opening L/C, clearing goods from sea port, providing inland transportation to the site, and etc. Besides the civil part, the procurement department procured different tender packages, like lifts and escalators, fire management systems and substations. The procurement of BBT, fire door, façade, and generator system is under evaluation process. This department has also started the tendering process for HVAC system, security access control system, audio visual and sound system, and solar panel and lightening protection system.

- Introduction of SAP software to strengthen the core procurement process and make procurement faster and more efficient.
- Successful completion of the vendor enlistment for the period of 2020-2021.
- Initiation of Procurement Process Automation which involves shared folder, online invoice tracking and procurement document archiving project.

The department continues to comply with the procurement rules and regulation, faced minimal audit exception, saved cost and created value. The Procurements department is committed to providing maximum services to the university. Therefore, the procurement policy has been reviewed to better suit the changing needs of BracU.

Table-1: Categories -wise Purchase (January- 2019 to December- 2019)

SL. No.	Category	BDT in Millions
1	Computer	27.144
2	Furniture	18.085
3	Education Equipment	7.601
4	Lab Accessories	3.031
5	Office Maintenance	9.002
6	Advertisement	17.108
7	Computer accessories	0.924
8	Toner and Cartridge	8.028
9	Printing	6.216
10	Stationeries	16.257
11	Vehicle	14.100
12	Vehicle Repair and Maintenance	4.199
13	Other Equipment	6.613
14	New Campus	986.110
15	James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)	12.845
16	BRAC Institute of Governance & Development (BIGD)	27.866
17	Miscellaneous (cash purchase)	7.742
Total		1172.871

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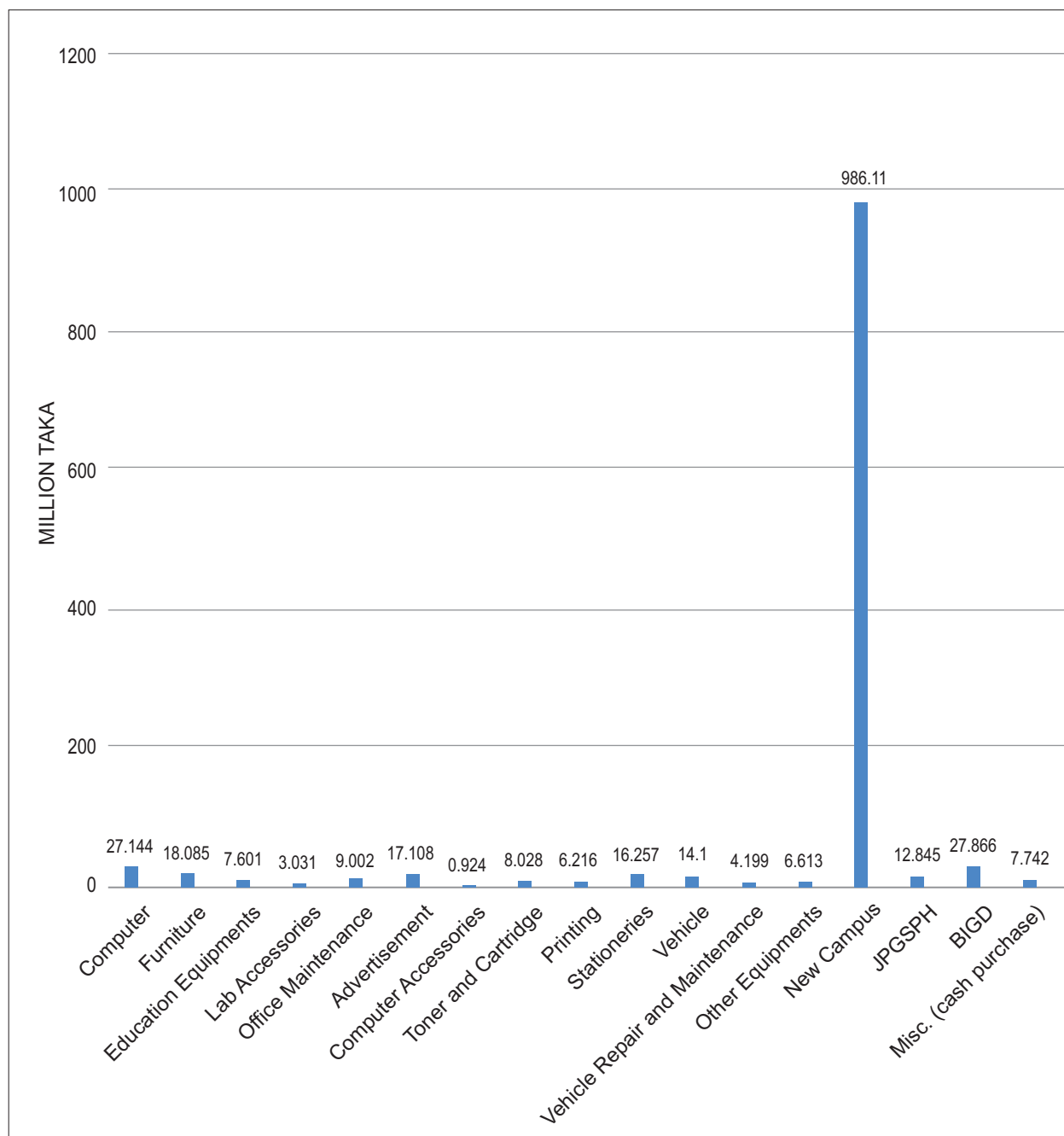


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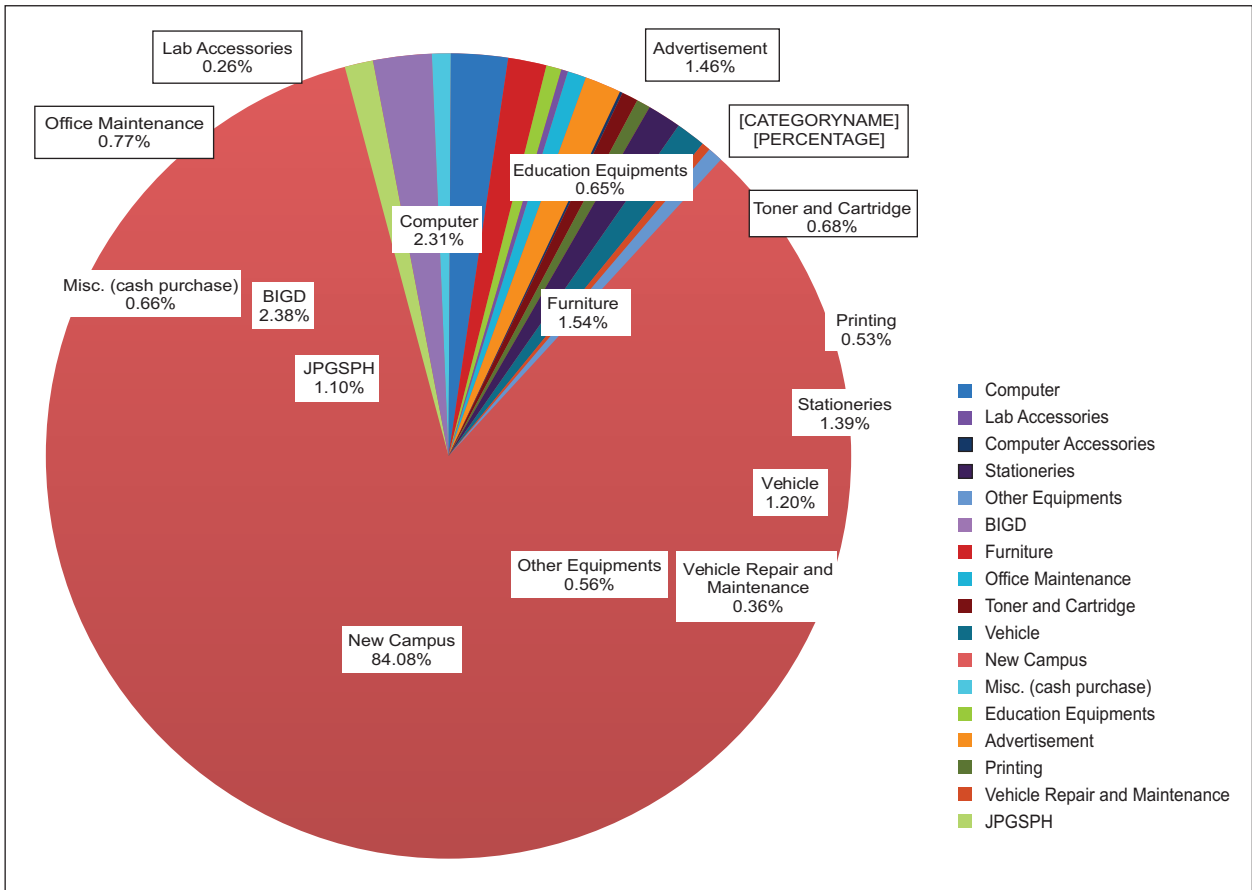
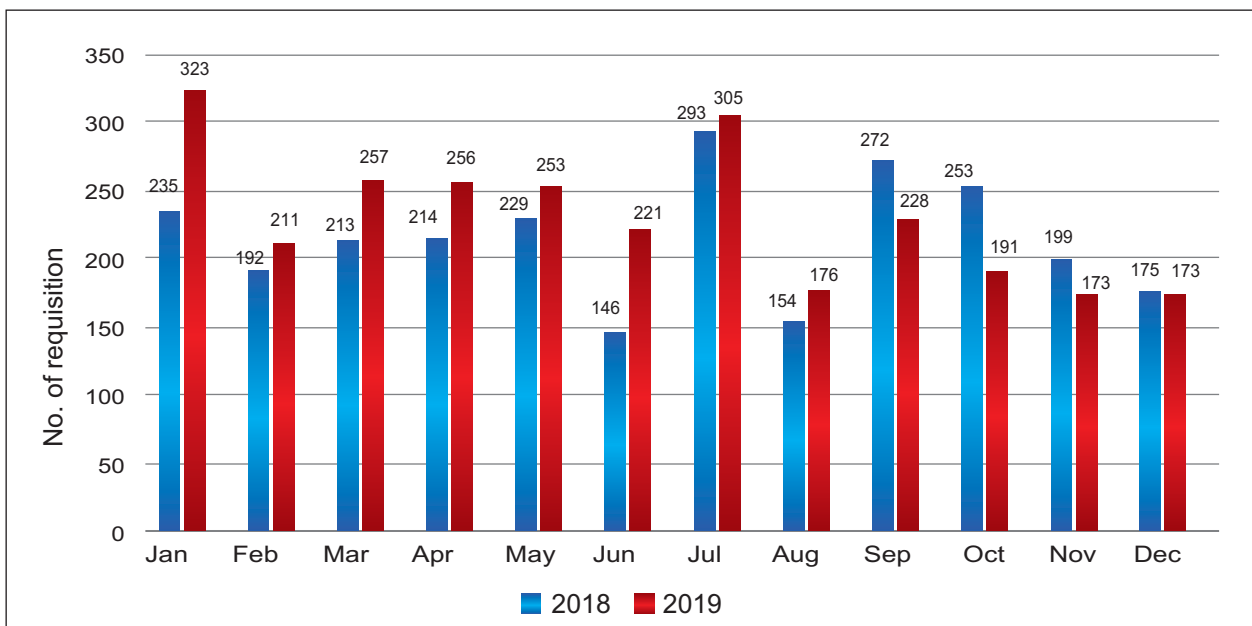


Figure-3: Number of Material Requisition requests received from different departments, institutes and schools in 2019 compared to 2018



Relationship Management Office

The Relationship Management Office (RMO) of BracU provides centralized information services to students, parents as well as all stakeholders of BracU. The RMO serves as the primary campus contact for prospective students. The team members of RMO assist with stakeholder queries by phone, email, drop-in meetings, social media, etc. RMO continuously strives to have an in-depth understanding of all aspects of student service, and for that they closely collaborate with university administration, the Department of Finance and Accounts, and the Registrar's office on a day to day basis for updated information. RMO is committed to preparing students to lead a purposeful life and embrace the BRAC values. RMO is charged with facilitating a positive BracU experience for all students and supporting their overall development.

RMO started working directly with BracU International Office from the date of its inception 1st July, 2019. It will be absorbed into the International Office in 2020.

Responsibilities include

1. Managing the BracU Scholarship/Financial Aid Program
2. Managing female student's accommodation to provide high quality residential-life services
3. Managing a wide range of administrative tasks to support Freshers' week orientation events.
4. Advising and supervising all international scholarship recipients
5. Assisting students who are assigned to the BRAC Community Service Program by the BracU Disciplinary Committee
6. Developing newspaper advertisements, brochures and flyers for prospective national and international students and scholarships/ financial aid programs-.
7. Constantly liaising with the BRAC Monitoring department for investigating and verifying the financial condition of the students who applied for Need and BRAC Scholarship-.

8. Arranging engagement of scholarship awardees in productive jobs at BracU.
9. Providing semiannual and annual report on BRAC Scholarship to the donor organizations through BRAC-USA.

Impact of BracU Scholarship Program:

Each semester, RMO reviews and compiles all scholarship/financial aid applications in accordance with the BracU Scholarship/Financial Aid Policy and submits a summary to members of the BracU Scholarship/Financial Aid Committee. The committee objectively judges applications based on academic merit and financial need to ensure that recipients are selected in a fair and consistent way. Our students come from a diverse cross-section of the society. BracU scholarships/ Financial Aid program plays an important role in making the university more accessible and paving the way for students to be successful in their pursuit higher education. When students successfully earn their degrees, and the process is not burdensome, our greater society and economy are benefited.

Successful story of a Scholarship recipient



Sumiaya Huq Dipty

I am Sumiaya Huq Dipty and graduated in Summer-2019 from Brac Business School, BracU majoring in Finance and Operations & Supply Chain Management with a CGPA of 3.93 out of 4.00 (ID: 15304012). The major contributing factor behind my good result has been the scholarship support provided to me by Brac University.

When I first started my journey, I came to learn about the various categories of scholarships from the Relationship Management Office (RMO), BracU. I saw an opportunity to pursue my dreams and after considering almost ten categories I applied for a BracU 'Merit Scholarship', which aims

to help academically gifted students that face financial hardships. In addition to alleviating my financial stress, it also enabled me to concentrate on my studies and gain successful grades. I consider myself fortunate because I received a scholarship for outstanding performance from my first semester onwards.

I have also been success in my professional career .I am working as an Officer in the distribution network department at BRAC Bank Limited (BBL), the largest private Bank in Bangladesh and a part of world's largest NGO BRAC. My Academic career helped me to develop my interpersonal and leadership skills and taught me to be a proactive team player and critical thinker. These skills and experiences are assisting me to navigate a rapidly changing corporate environment.

I recognize that without my BracU merit scholarship I would not have been able to achieve so much.

Key Highlights:

RMO team supports the BRACU Scholarship Committee by coordinating and secretarial support.

Scholarship/Financial Aid in 2019

Total Amount in Taka awarded in 2019 = 11,034,6158/-

Scholarship and Financial Aid in Spring 2019

Total number of students awarded = 927

Total number of scholarships review = 958

Total amount of Disbursed (in Tk) = 42,942,104

Scholarship and Financial Aid in Summer 2019

Total number of students awarded = 907

Total number of scholarships reviewed = 933

Total amount of disbursed (in Tk) = 35,988,340

Scholarship and Financial Aid in Fall 2019

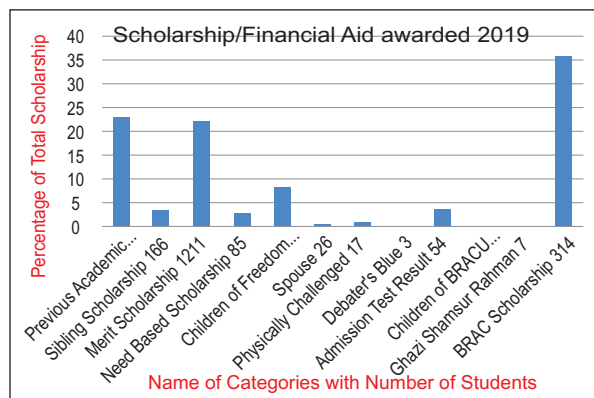
Total number of students awarded = 821

Total number of scholarships reviewed = 840

Total amount of disbursed (in Tk) = 31,415,714

Besides, in 2019 BracU has disbursed 'Ashar Alo' - Japanese Scholarship of Tk. 1, 80,000/- to six (6) students in need of it.

BRAC UNIVERSITY	
Scholarship/ Financial Aid awarded 2019	
Name of Categories with Number of Students	Percentage on total Scholarship
	(%)
Previous Academic Results 618	23.06251569
Sibling Scholarship 166	3.378391298
Merit Scholarship 1211	22.2550458
Need Based Scholarship 85	2.730430361
Children of Freedom Fighter 153	7.980885025
Spouse 260.267290684	
Physically Challenged 17	0.836458665
Debater's Blue 3	0.092436386
Admission Test Result 54	3.626496901
Children of BRACU Employee 1	0.032624607
Ghazi Shamsur Rahman 7	0.127276747
BRAC Scholarship 314	35.61014784
Grand Total 2655	100



1. Freshman Orientation Programs in every semester throughout the year.

- Orientation Program, Spring-2019
Date: January 6, 2019 (Saturday); Venue: Army Golf Garden, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
Organized for 1300 enrolled students
- Orientation Program, Summer-2019
Date: May 5, 2019 (Sunday); Venue: BRAC University Main Campus, 66 Mohakhali, Dhaka.
Organized for 700 enrolled students

- Orientation Program, Fall-2019
Date: September 14, 2019 (Saturday); Venue: Brac University Residential Campus, Savar, Dhaka.
Organized for 318 enrolled students

2. Managing the central information desk which provides support to students and parents throughout the student lifecycle.

- Attended to daily, approximately, 14500 walk-in visitors and phone-calls at Information desk
- Replied to approximately, 1965 emails of Bracu-info email

3. Managing and providing overall supervision to BRACU Female Students' Accommodation (BUFSA)

- Managed comfortable lodging to 113 students at (BUFSA).
- Organized three workshops on 'Hostel Adjustment' with new residents in each semester in coordination with 'Bracu Counseling Unit'.

4. Coordinating with Directors of all programs of BRAC for the placement in BRAC Community Services Program

- a) In Spring 19 = Fifteen Bracu students were assigned with Brac Partnership

Strengthening Unit (PSU) and placed in different places outside of Dhaka.

- b) In Summer 19 = Twelve Bracu students were assigned with Brac Partnership Strengthening Unit PSU and placed in different places outside of Dhaka.

- c) In Fall 19 = Thirteen Bracu students were assigned with PSU and placed in several Brac Programs outside of Dhaka

5. Coordinating with faculty and student volunteers to facilitate participation of Bracu students in selective seminars, workshop, overseas events etc.

- Professor Vincent Chang, Vice Chancellor, Bracu, held his first meet and greet with students. This meeting was a Town Hall style. The meeting comprised of close to 30 students from various departments of the university. The interactive meeting importantly provided students the opportunity to ask questions and voice their concerns.
- Information session on Study, Research & Student Visa Requirements for Germany was attended by about 55 students.
- 100 Bangladeshi Youth Delegations visited India in 2019. One student participated with the team.



Freshman Orientation Program



Head-RMO in the 2nd Global IEEE Power Energy Society (PES) Day Celebration at Bracu Savar Campus



Vice Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting with Students



Brac University Graduate in Biotechnology -2019



VP- International Meets the Vice Chancellor of Royal Bhutan University

Office of the Controller of Examinations

Office of the Controller of Examinations (OCOE) is one of the operational arms of academic support and examinations of the university. This office is responsible for managing and maintaining academic records, ensuring the integrity of examinations and generating transcripts and certificates. The office also verifies students' academic records and issues various certificates and letters pertaining to students' records and academic information. OCOE ensures question moderation of all departments.

Leadership

OCOE is conducting its daily operations under the leadership of Ahmed Ataul Hakeem FCMA, who was Comptroller and Auditor General of Bangladesh during February 2008 to February 2013. Furthermore, he has served as the ombudsperson of BRAC for 4 years. With his diverse knowledge & years of experience, he guides the staff to improve their work productivity as well as to provide quality services to students.

Key functions of this office

- Provide exam scripts and monitor conducting of examinations
- Prepare final exam schedule
- Publish results
- Ensure question moderation by department heads
- Monitor inter-department or program change
- Deal with academic probation
- Prepare and deliver different academic letters and transcripts
- Attest documents

- Process degree application
- Prepare and deliver provisional certificates and original certificates
- Arrange convocation
- Deal with course waiver and course drop

Office of the Controller of Examinations completed the following activities in year 2019:

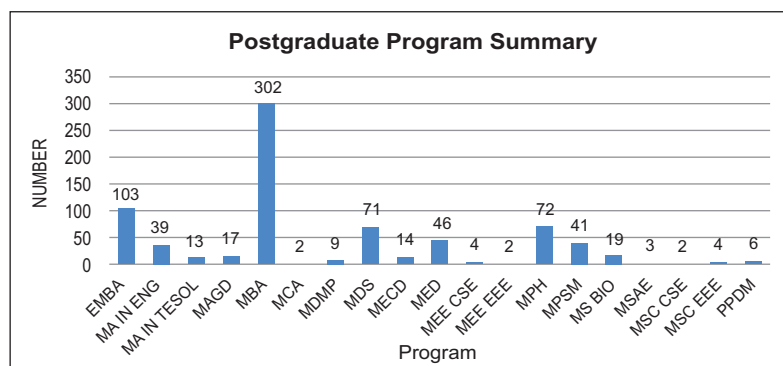
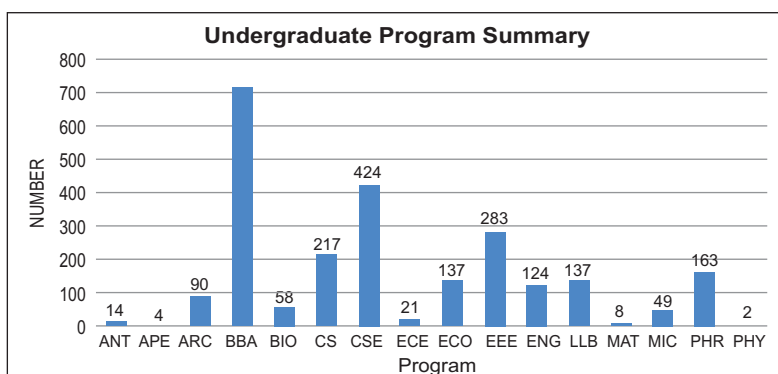
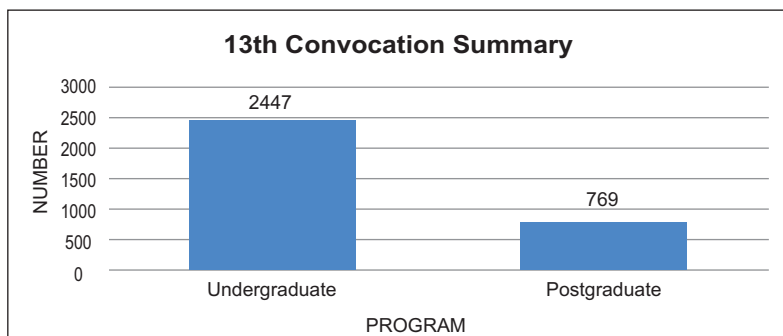
SI.	ACTIVITIES	TOTAL NOS.
1	Academic Letters	1164
2	Transcript	1640
3	Provisional Certificate	1066
4	Attestation and sealed envelope of academic documents	2601
5	Degree Application Process	1679
6	Department Change/Program Change	371

Achievement

A total of 3216 graduates participated in the 13th Convocation of BracU, which was the highest so far. OCOE has successfully completed its parts in degree processing, certificate preparation, transcript preparation, preparation of medal-winner list, and etc., as is related to the convocation.

13th Convocation Summary

Program	Number of Students
Undergraduate	2447
Postgraduate	769
Total	3216



Office of Student Life

Leadership

Abdullah R. Chowdhury (Robin) Director,
Student Life

Karla Fraser Director, Campus Life

Departments/offices of Association:

- a. Career Services
- b. Alumni Relations
- c. Clubs & Societies

- d. Professional Student Development Programme
- e. Counseling Services

Achievements in 2019

- Launched Office of Student Life to enhance student engagement & experience in alignment with BU 2.0
- Streamlined various processes including procurement process
- Launched a one-stop student centre

Office of Academic Advising

Office of Academic Advising (OAA) of BracU links the students to all the facilities and resources that are available in the university such that the students can get started and continue in the path to success. In collaboration with the students, faculty members, administrative staff, and parents, OAA nurtures an optimal university experience. In pursuit of doing so, the office members advise, plan, and arrange tutorials as well as, point them to appropriate teachers, tutors and services that are present to serve them. In summary, OAA strives to solve any problem affecting their academic performance, staying within the boundaries of the rules and regulation of the university.

What is Our Objective?

- Ensure Smooth Transition in BracU through First Year Advising Team (FYAT) Day
- Enhance First Year Students Academic Performance through First Year Advising that continues for three semesters

- Assist the Low Performing Students to get back on track through Probation Advising and Support Service (PASS)
- Assist any interim student who approaches us for Assistance or Advise.

Our Vision

Our vision is to partner with the BracU students, in educational growth and development, by creating meaningful educational plans which is compatible with their life goals.

Programs and Services

- Academic Advising
- Guide to First Year Students
- Guide to Low Performers
- Guide to students in Probation
- OAA Tutorials
- Parents' Orientation

Office of Co-Curricular Activities

Office of Co-curricular Activities (OCA)

BracU believes in a holistic approach towards education and grooming future leaders who will, alongside their academic excellence, possess high moral values, have empathy, and be more informed, scientific, and socially responsible. BracU has 27 clubs to nurture the students to become future leaders in alignment with the vision of the institution. To supervise and support these clubs' activities, BracU created the Office of Co-curricular Activities (OCA).

MISSION

- To provide an environment for a 'complete learning experience' at BracU
- To provide a platform for the activities and programs that meet the social, cultural, and intellectual needs of the students
- To guide future leaders in achieving the distinctive qualities of a real-life champion
- To create change makers who will make positive contributions to the society
- To engage students in creating social awareness, connecting to the roots and culture
- To groom ambassadors in contributing to BracU's community services
- To ensure that the national events are being duly observed
- To help contribute in measurable social service activities

Club Events

In 2019, OCA office has successfully completed 223 events as club activities.

National Events: A total of 23 national events were observed during 2019. They include:

- **National Events (UGC required):** 12 (Saraswati Pooja, Pholeha Falgun, National Victory Day, Independence Day, National mourning Day, etc.)
- **Central Events:** 6 (Club Fair, Seminar on Industrial Revolution under Foreign Ministry, iDea, Innovation Design, Entrepreneurship Academy Project, etc.)
- **International events or participation:** 5 (International Women's Day, SAUFEST 2019, "What will people say" movie displaying with Norwegian Embassy, International Volunteers day, BUGMUN 2020)

Collaboration with other departments: 11 (FYAT with OAA, Town-hall meeting with students, National Career Fair at BICC with OCSAR, IDP Education Fair with OCSAR, etc.)

Club Events: 189

- Orientation: 67 (It is the most regular club event for new club members as the clubs promote their goal, activities, achievements, regulation and celebrations.)
- Seminar/Workshop: 41 (On technological learning, interpersonal skill development, script, and film national budget, corporate experience, justice and judiciary system, photography, and artwork, social issues and development, etc.)
- Outdoor Activities: 20 (Annual study for recreation, hiking, long day tour, court visit, power plant visit, theatre visit, industrial visit for particle experiences, etc.)
- Intra University: 20 (Competition, tournament, championship, on business cases, indoor and outdoor sports, language, debate, cultural activities, art, social

problems, technological innovation, all occurring among BracU students, etc.)

- Inter University: 14 (Clubs arranged indoor and outdoor sports, debate, cultural activities, business cases competition and other such activities with other universities)
- Social Activities: 12 (All BracU club activities have partial contribution to society. However, specific activities were also performed for social development: Seminar on Hepatitis B Awareness, Book Collection Campaign, Fair for donation at Cancer hospital, Blood donation campaign, Winter Cloth Distribution, World Diabetics Day, Tree Plantation, Cleanliness and hygiene, etc.).
- Tutorial Classes: 10 (Students conducted regular tutorial classes on learning chess, activities organized by Natural Science Club, drama skill development, English speaking activities, etc.)
- Carnival and Fair: 5 (Clubs arranged Fair for natural and organic product, Ecommerce, Women Entrepreneurship, Industry Base; also participated in such carnivals as was organized by other organizations, such as British Council and La Meridian).

Achievements

- On January 23, 2019, BracU Business Club (BIZ BEE) and BracU Community Service Club (BUCSC), in association with Bangladesh Thalassemia Foundation, organized Blood Donation Camp. The successful participation resulted in the collection of 205 bags of blood.
- Creating a theatrical ambience involving shadow play, dance and music, the sixth edition of “Bangla Gaaner Bhabna O Pothochola” on Sunday, March 24, 2019, brought to life Bangladesh's history from the 1952 Language Movement to the 1971 Liberation War.

- The event E-Carnival 4.0 was organized on December 15, 2019 to showcase products and services of various online business entrepreneurs and give opportunity to purchase their products/services directly from their stalls. 21 online and small entrepreneurs participated in the event.

Facts and Figures

- Total number of clubs: 27
- Student Leaders (Club President, Vice-President and General Secretary): 285
- Total number of student participants: 31533
- Expenditure on programs in 2019 (January to December) was approximately BDT 39,43,559/-

SL Club Name

- 1 Brac University Adventure Club (BUAC)
- 2 Brac University Art and Photography Society (BUAPS)
- 3 Brac University Business and Economics Forum (BUBeF)
- 4 Brac University Business Club (BIZBEE)
- 5 Brac University Chess Club (BUCHC)
- 6 Brac University Communication & Language Club (BUCLC)
- 7 Brac University Community Service Club (BUCSC)
- 8 Brac University Computer Club (BUCC)
- 9 Brac University Cricket Club (CBU)
- 10 Brac University Cultural Club (BUCuC)
- 11 Brac University Debating Club (BUDC)
- 12 Brac University Drama and Theater Forum (BUDTF)
- 13 Brac University Economics Club (BUEC)
- 14 Brac University Electrical & Electronic Club (BUEEC)

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| 15 Brac University Entrepreneurship Development Forum (BUEDF) | 22 Brac University Marketing Association (BUMA) |
| 16 Brac University Film Club (BUFC) | 23 Brac University Natural Science Club (BUNSC) |
| 17 Football Club Brac University (FCBU) | 24 Brac University Pharma Society (BUPS) |
| 18 Brac University Heritage Forum (BUHF) | 25 Robotics Club of Brac University (ROBU) |
| 19 Brac University Indoor Games Club (BUIGC) | 26 Brac University MONON (BUMONON) |
| 20 International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) | 27 Brac University Leadership Development Forum (BULDF) |
| 21 Brac University Law Society (BULS) | |

Residential Semester (RS)



The Residential Semester (RS) of BracU has emerged as a unique educational program in Bangladesh that places the utmost emphasis on academic rigor and experiential learning for its students. The design of RS gives BracU students an initial flavour of a key BRAC ethos - think creatively and initiate social transformation. This exclusive semester aims to offer students with opportunities and prospects at the very foundational stage of their university education, so that they can develop important analytical, learning, emotional and relationship skills to better navigate the rest of their academic life and beyond. The imparting of these skills paves the way for leadership, inculcates a sense of compassion, and motivates a practice of acting locally but thinking globally. Furthermore, the semester is dedicated to the objectives of understanding one's place in society, be a responsible patriotic, and learn and develop a love for further learning and growth. To reiterate, the specific objectives and visions of the RS are as follows-

- Inculcate mutual respect by confronting diverse situations in community living

- Develop critical and analytical skills and concepts through the courses offered
- Acquire the capacity to critically compare, contrast and synthesize ethical challenges in real-life and reflect on fundamental normative questions of rights, justice and responsible citizenship from an interdisciplinary perspective
- Build leadership skills as a global citizen, while experiencing community-living and pursuing experiential learning activities to break barriers for local communities

Leadership of the Residential Semester:

Academic affairs, such as the teaching pedagogy, the course curriculum, faculty training, academic rigor and integrity, and all other pertinent issues are managed by Dr. Samia Huq, Dean, School of General Education (GenEd), BracU. Under Dr. Huq's leadership, School of General Education offers all the academic courses of RS, and proceeds with the academic matters through the ingrained liberal arts approach of the university.

Professor Mahboob Rahman, PhD, Vice President, Administration, BracU is in-charge of RS administration.

Mr. Rehan Ahmed, Director, RS, along with all the faculty members and administrative staff work under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Huq and Professor Rahman.

Academic Programs

The compulsory courses offered at RS are-

- English Language (ENG101, ENG102 and ENG103)
- Bangla Language and Literature (BNG 103)
- Emergence of Bangladesh (EMB101)
- Ethics and Culture (HUM 103)
- French (FRN101)
- Specific courses for the students of Pharmacy

Details of the courses are available at <http://www.bracu.ac.bd/academics/residential-campus/academic-courses>

Achievements

Major achievements of RS in 2019 are as follows:

- Under an outreach program of RS, poor students from class 3 to class 10 were taught English, Mathematics, and Computing four days a week by RS students throughout the year. This was to help the underprivileged-local students with free tuition, and is based on the spirit of community service.
- Training on mushroom cultivation for local women was introduced in RS so that the underprivileged women can take part in income generating activities.
- Mr. Rehan Ahmed attended a week-long international workshop on 'Universal Human Values' in Bhutan.
- Dr. Nemai Mondal, Assistant Professor of Bangla, RS, was invited by the Liberation War Museum on October 2, 2019 to attend 'World non-violence day' program as a special guest.

Research Activities:

Some of the research projects and other publications of the faculty members of residential campus are as follows:

Published Articles:

1. Shaiya Binte Mahbub, Breast Cancer: Double-colonizing Women's Identity, *Sociology Today: A Journal of Contemporary Sociological Research*, ISSN Online 2581-737X, Volume 2, Number 1, 2019.
2. Md. Ismile Hossain Shadi, বাংলাদেশের পঞ্চাশের দশকের কবি: গণচেতনামূলক কবিতার শব্দ-স্বকীয়তা, বাংলাদেশ এশিয়াটিক সোসাইটি পত্রিকা, ডিসেম্বর ২০১৯

Published Books:

1. Mahfuza Sultana Hilali, রাসসুন্দরী: বাংলা সাহিত্যের প্রথম জীবনীকার, দোসর প্রকাশনী, কলকাতা, ২০২৯.
2. Mahfuza Sultana Hilali, তিনটি নাটক: অসমাপ্ত অন্তরালে চুপকথা, আগামী প্রকাশনী, ঢাকা, ২০১৯
3. Md. Ismile Hosain Shadi, অঞ্জলির অন্তরালে: কবি-কথাসিল্পী-বিপ্লবীদের গৌরবগাথা, কথাপ্রকাশ, ঢাকা, ২০১৯

Published Book Chapters:

1. Shamsuddoha, M. (2019). Paradox of Rohingya Issue: A Legacy of History. In A. B. Ali, & S. Ahmed (Eds.), *Rohingya Crisis and Contemporary Politics*. Dhaka, Bangladesh: Borno Publication. ISBN: 978-984-8029-32-9. Pages: 51-69
2. Mahfuza Sultana Hilali, নারী ধর্ম ইত্যাদি, গোলাম মুরশিদ সংবর্ধনা গ্রন্থ, কথাপ্রকাশ, ঢাকা, ২০১৯
3. Md. Ismile Hosain Shadi, মধুর খোঁজে: মাইকেল জীবনী পুনর্নির্মাণের নেপথ্যকাহিনি, গোলাম মুরশিদ সংবর্ধনা গ্রন্থ, কথাপ্রকাশ, ঢাকা, ২০১৯
4. Md. Ismile Hosain Shadi, তৃতীয় প্রজন্মের কাছে শান্তনু কায়সার, শান্তনু কায়সার স্মারকগ্রন্থ, চারুলিপি, ঢাকা, ২০১৯

Conference Proceedings:

1. Shamsuddoha, M. (2019). Rohingya Crisis: Genesis and Foreshadowing Prospects. In B. Ahmed (Ed.), *International Conference on the Rohingya Crisis in Comparative Perspective* (pp. 34-35). London: University College London (UCL).

Grants and Awards:

List of awards received by the faculty members of RS are as follows:

1. Shaiya Binte Mahbub, Faculty of Ethics and Culture received Vice-Chancellors' Gold Medal and Cash Prize on April 22, 2019 for achieving highest distinction in Master of Arts (MA) in Women's Studies, at Bangalore University, Karnataka, India.

Faculty overview:

RS always emphasizes on recruiting and developing top notch faculty members. Currently, 22 full-time and four part-time faculty members teach the core RS courses. Along with that, approximately twenty five faculty members from Pharmacy department and Brac Institute of Languages also take classes in RS on a regular basis. In addition, some seasoned academics are involved in the advisory capacity of RS. They are:

Syed M. Hashemi, PhD, Professor, General Education Program, BracU

Riaz Partha Khan, PhD, Professor, General Education Program, BracU

Mehtab Khanam, PhD, Professor & Former Chairperson, Department of Educational and Counseling Psychology, University of Dhaka

Rashed Uz Zaman, PhD, Professor & Former Chairperson, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka

Syeda Rizwana Hasan, Lawyer and Executive Director of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA)

Afsan Chowdhury, Journalist, Researcher, Media Professional, Social Activist

Facts and Figures:

Since its inception in 2003, a total of 18,201 students of different disciplines have completed RS. Students enrolled in 2019 are:

Year/Semester	Spring	Summer	Fall	Batch	Total
2019	652	885	810	3	2347



International Office



The International Office was established in the later half of 2019 to support the university's vision of becoming a proud global institution from Bangladesh and objective of becoming Bangladesh's international university by 2024.

Strenuous efforts have gone into supporting the Vice Chancellor's drive to reorganize key university functions and establish a more internationally experienced leadership team.

An international strategy was developed in the last quarter of 2019 aimed at

- building BracU's international partnerships, relations and markets insights through curriculum development, faculty exchanges and research collaborations.
- building global opportunities for students through short term mobility programs
- increasing international student recruitment and improving their management
- increasing internationally developed faculty.

A significant number of new, and productive

partnerships have been added to international university partners, which are now available in on a newly developed university wide relationship database.

Initial overseas recruitment trips in South Asia have yielded a reasonable increase in the numbers of international student added to which now sit at the largest number in BracU's history.

In 2019, 16 international students from more eight countries that were offered Brac Scholarships. and 18 international students from five countries, successfully graduated during the year.

Existing recruitment and admissions processes are being redesigned to be more responsive to the needs of international students.

An international office team has been defined and plans to develop the requisite skills among personnel are in place.

Building short term student mobility programs and faculty recruitment activities are underway.



VP-International Meets the Vice Chancellors & Principals of Universities and Colleges of Nepal



Gambia - Deputy Head of Mission, Delhi, India

Partners in Education

BRAC Business School (BBS)

- Asian Institute of Management, Manila
- Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, USA
- University of South Australia

James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH)

International

- Aga Khan University, Pakistan
- American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon
- Centre for Disease Control, Kenya
- Centre for Disease Control, United States
- Center for Health, Human Rights and Development (Cehurd), Uganda
- City University of New York, United States
- Concern Worldwide, Republic of Ireland
- Creating Resources for Empowerment in Action (CREA), India
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Germany
- Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique
- Eijkman Institute for Molecular Biology, Indonesia
- Engender Health, United States
- Georgetown University, United States
- Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, United States
- Hanoi School of Public Health, Vietnam
- Harvard University, United States
- Health Finance and Governance Project, ABT ASSOCIATES INC, United States
- Helen Keller International, United States
- Hidase Hulantenawi Agelglot Yebego Adragot Mahber, Ethiopia
- Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM), Belgium
- International Development Research Centre, Canada
- Johns Hopkins University, United States
- Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom
- Liverpool Voluntary Counselling and Testing for HIV (LVCT), Kenya
- London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom
- MDF Training and Consultancy B. V. , the Netherlands
- Medico International, Germany
- Michigan State University, United States
- Michigan State University in Dubai, UAE
- Ministry of Health, Mozambique
- Nagasaki University, Japan
- Netherlands Universities Foundation for International Cooperation (NUFFIC), the Netherlands
- Public Health Foundation of India, India
- Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands
- Reach Trust, Malawi
- Result for Development Institute, United States
- Rockefeller Foundation, United States
- Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), the Netherlands
- RTI International, India
- Rutgers WPF, the Netherlands
- SAMYAK, India
- Sightsavers, United Kingdom
- SONKE, South Africa
- Stanford University, United States
- TARSHI, India
- The World Bank, United States
- UNICEF, United States

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - United States Agency for International Development (USAID), United States
 - Universidad de Antioquia, Colombia
 - Universitas GadjahMada, Indonesia
 - University of California San Francisco, United States
 - University of Cape Town, South Africa
 - University of Dundee, United Kingdom
 - University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom
 - University of Ghana, Ghana
 - University of Heidelberg, Germany
 - University of Oslo, Norway
 - University of Oxford, United Kingdom
 - University of Melbourne, Australia
 - University of Nairobi, Kenya
 - University of Norway, Norway
 - University of Queensland, Australia
 - University of Saskatchewan, Canada
 - University of Toronto, Canada
 - University of Witwatersrand, South Africa
 - University of York, United Kingdom
 - University of Zambia, Zambia
 - World Health Organization, Switzerland
 - WHO TDR
- National**
- Acid Survivors Foundation
 - Action Aid
 - Ashar Alo Society
 - Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research (AHPSR)
 - Ayesha Abed Foundation
 - Bandhu Social Welfare Society
 - Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU)
 - Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics
 - Bangladesh Centre for Communication (BCCP)
 - Bangladesh Institute of Theatrical Arts
 - Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)
 - Bangladesh Palliative and Supportive Care Foundation
 - Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET)
 - Boys of Bangladesh
 - BRAC
 - BRAC University
 - CARE Bangladesh
 - Confidential Approach to AIDS Prevention
 - Department of Public Health Engineering
 - Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA)
 - Directorate General of Food Programmes (DGFP), Government of Bangladesh
 - Directorate General Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh
 - Dustha Shasthya Kendra
 - Health Economics Unit, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh
 - Healthcare Financing Group (HCFG)
 - Hope Care Centre
 - Institute of Public Health
 - Institute of Public Health Nutrition, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Bangladesh
 - Integrated Community Development Project
 - International Centre for Diarrheal Disease Research, Bangladesh
 - Management Sciences for Health, Bangladesh
 - Marie Stopes Bangladesh
 - Ministry of Food, Government of Bangladesh
 - Mukto Akash Bangladesh
 - Naripokkho
 - National AIDS and STD Programme (NASP)
 - National Institute of Mental Health, Bangladesh

- National Institute of Population Research and Training (NIPORT)
- National Institute of Preventive and Social Medicine (NIPSOM)
- National Nutrition Services
- National Tuberculosis Program, Bangladesh
- Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC)
- Red Orange Media and Communications
- Reproductive Health Services Training and Education Program (RHSTEP)
- Revitalization of Community Health Care Initiatives in Bangladesh
- RTM International
- Samporker Noya Shetu
- Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical College Hospital
- Surjer Hashi (Smiling Sun) Franchise Health Program
- Unite for Body Rights
- University of Dhaka
- Urban Partnership for Poverty Reduction

BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BIED)

- Bank Street College of Education, New York, USA
- BRAC Education Programme (BEP)
- BRAC International (BI)
- Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE)
- Columbia University, New York, USA
- Department for International Development (DFID)
- Directorate of Primary Education (DPE), Bangladesh
- Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (EKN)
- George Washington University, USA
- Institute of Education & Research (IER), Dhaka University
- LEGO Foundation

- National Curriculum & Textbook Board (NCTB), Bangladesh
- NUFFIC
- Phulki
- Porticus
- Radboud University, Nijmegen, The Netherlands
- Teach for Bangladesh
- Underprivileged Children's Education Programme (UCEP)
- Unite for Body Rights Alliance
- University of Massachusetts, USA
- University of Sussex, UK

BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD)

- European Union (EU)
- Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
- Development Alternatives Incorporated (DAI), USAID
- German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)
- Help Age International
- International Centre for Research on Women (ICRW)
- Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management, Korea
- Lahore University of Management, Pakistan
- Master Card Foundation
- Ministry of Women and Children's Affair, Bangladesh
- Natural Resource Institute, University of Manitoba, Canada
- Save the Children UK (SCUK)
- Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- University of Bath, UK
- VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Woman in Informal Employment: Globalising and Organising (WIEGO)
- Care Bangladesh

Department of Architecture (ARC)

- University of Manchester
- Lancaster University
- University of Illinois, Chicago
- EMMA Asia (Erasmus Mundus Mobility with Asia)
- AGA Khan Cultural Trust
- British Council
- Loughborough University
- Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes and Settlements

Department of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE)

- Kyushu Institute of Technology
- TechShopBD
- EATL
- University of Ulsan, Korea

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (EEE)

- Electrical Engineering Department, Frederick University, Cyprus
- Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, United International University, Bangladesh
- Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Bangladesh
- School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, National University of Sciences and Technology, Pakistan
- School of Engineering, Kathmandu University, Nepal
- School of Engineering, Bangkok University, Thailand

- Department of Electrical Engineering, University of Malaya, Malaysia
- Department of Electronic and Information, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
- Department of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology, Dortmund University of Technology, Germany
- Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering, University of Limerick, Ireland
- College of Science and Technology, Royal University of Bhutan
- School of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, City University London
- Politechnika Wroclawska, Poland
- Faculty of Mathematic and Natural Sciences, Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia
- Department of Electronic Engineering, Southeast University, China

Department of English and Humanities (ENH)

- Umea University, Sweden
- Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Consortium

Department of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (MNS)

- BRAC ARDC, Gazipur, Bangladesh
- BAEC
- ICDDR,B, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- University of Dhaka, Bangladesh
- ideSHi
- CNRS, CEA, Grenoble, France
- Bangladesh University of Health Science (BUHS)
- BCSIR
- BIRDEM, Dhaka, Bangladesh

COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee advises the Syndicate and the BoT on all financial Matters; both operational and strategic. The Committee also supervises the formulation of the Annual Budget, Annual Financial Statements and any other financial proposals of the university and refers to the BoT, through the Syndicate, for approval.

Chairperson

Ms. Tamara Hasan Abed

Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Brac University &
Managing Director, Enterprises, BRAC

Members

Mr. Abdul-Muyeed Chowdhury

Advisor, Former Caretaker Government of
Bangladesh
Former Secretary, Government of Bangladesh
Former Executive Director, BRAC

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Brac University

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Member, Board of Trustees, Brac University
Professorial Fellow, BIGD
Brac University

Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed

Professor, Brac Business School
Brac University

Member Secretary

Mr. Monojit Kumar Ojha, FCA

Director, Finance and Accounts
Brac University

Faculty Selection Committee

The Faculty Selection Committee reviews all applications for faculty appointments, interview of the applicants and recommend for appointments of all faculty members.

Chairperson

Professor Vincent Chang, PhD

Vice Chancellor

Brac University

Members

Professor Mohammad Tamim, PhD

Pro Vice Chancellor

Brac University

Dr. Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury

Former Vice Chairperson, BRAC

Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman

Member, Board of Trustees, Brac University

Professorial Fellow, BIGD, Brac University

Professor Mustafizur Rahman, PhD

Distinguished Fellow

Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and

Former Professor, University of Dhaka

Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee is charged with ensuring student discipline in all fields of university activities; both academic and non-academic. The committee reviews all discipline cases referred to it and recommends appropriate administrative actions against the violators of discipline and reviews broader policy implications of these cases.

Chairperson

Mr. Abdul-Muyeed Chowdhury

Advisor, Former Caretaker Government of Bangladesh
Former Secretary, Government of Bangladesh
Former Executive Director, BRAC

Members

Professor Vincent Chang, PhD

Vice Chancellor
Brac University

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Brac University

Professor K. Shamsuddin Mahmood

Professor and Dean
School of Law
Brac University

Professor A F M Yusuf Haider, PhD

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Sciences
Brac University

Professor A T M Nurul Amin, PhD

Chairperson
Department of Economics and Social
Sciences
Brac University

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Languages
Brac University

Professor Mohammad Mahboob Rahman, PhD

Vice President, Administration, Chief of
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Brac University

Member Secretary

Proctor, Brac University



Inspiring Excellence

Auditor's Report

Auditor's Report
and

Audited Financial Statements of
Brac University

As at and for the year ended June 30, 2019



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF BRAC UNIVERSITY****Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of BRAC University ("the University"), which comprise the balance sheet as at 30 June 2019, income and expenditure statement, statement of changes in fund and cash flows statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the balance sheet as at 30 June 2019, income and expenditure statement, statement of changes in fund and cash flows statement for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies summarised in Note 2 & 3 to the financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Bangladesh, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditors' Report thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

The management of BRAC University is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements so as to give a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies as summarised in Note 2 & 3 to the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- a) Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- b) Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.
- c) Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- d) Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the University's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the University to cease to continue as a going concern.
- e) Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the University financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



A. Qasem & Co.
Chartered Accountants

Date of Issue: 12 January 2020


Place of Issue: Dhaka, Bangladesh

BRAC University
Balance Sheet
As at 30 June 2019

Prepared using the Reporting Form-PUFR-III. A (a) prescribed by University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh

Particulars	Notes No.	Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
ASSETS:			
Non-Current Assets	4.00	7,727,118,745	5,868,283,173
Property, Plant and Equipment	4.01	4,642,043,565	2,800,064,001
Donated Assets	4.02	2,990,075,180	2,973,219,171
Investment	4.03	95,000,000	95,000,000
Net Current Assets		806,188,776	1,158,435,004
Current Assets	5.00	2,755,059,854	2,798,453,140
Current Liabilities	6.00	1,948,871,077	1,640,018,136
FUND EMPLOYED (Non-Current Assets plus Net Current Assets)		8,533,307,522	7,026,718,177
FINANCED BY:			
Funds		6,890,318,870	6,244,858,048
Reserve Fund	7.00	50,000,000	50,000,000
General Fund	8.00	50,466,242	52,089,950
Special Fund	9.00	6,047,336,307	5,522,377,330
Excess of Income over Expenditure (Retained Earnings)		94,565,089	44,279,258
Accumulated Depreciation Fund	10.00	647,951,232	576,111,510
Liabilities		1,642,988,652	781,860,129
Long Term Liabilities	11.00	1,642,988,652	781,860,129
FINANCED BY (Funds plus Liabilities)		8,533,307,522	7,026,718,177

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Treasurer


Member of Board of Trustees


Chairperson of Board of Trustees

Date of Issue: 12 January 2020
Place of Issue: Dhaka, Bangladesh


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BRAC University
Income & Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2019

Prepared using the Reporting Form-PUFR-III. A (b) prescribed by University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh

Particulars	Notes No.	Amount in Taka	
		July'18-June'19	July'17-June'18
A. Income - Academic		2,102,182,967	1,811,703,357
Academic Income	12.00	2,084,052,124	1,792,497,609
Admission Income (Sale of forms)		18,130,843	19,205,748
B. Expenditure -Academic		1,752,786,370	1,523,066,226
Academic Expenses	13.00	1,347,455,537	1,104,086,994
Admission Expenses	14.00	29,774,860	24,612,359
Academic Research Expenses		370,971,839	387,643,201
Publications Expenses		4,584,134	6,723,671
C. Excess of Income over Expenses-Academic (A-B)		349,396,597	288,637,131
D. Income -Non Academic		688,792,649	600,245,495
Non-Academic Income	15.00	688,792,649	600,245,495
E. Expenditure -Non Academic		564,650,617	451,831,442
Non Academic Expenses	16.00	564,650,617	451,831,442
F. Income over Expenditure-Non Academic (D-E)		124,142,032	148,414,053
G. Operating Income over Expenses (C+F)		473,538,629	437,051,184
H. Financial Income over expenses		118,059,376	83,881,257
Interest Income/Profit from Investment	17.00	119,266,603	84,643,132
Less: Financial Expenses		1,207,226	761,875
I. Net Excess of Income over Expenses Before Tax (G+H)		591,598,005	520,932,441
J. Income Tax (with adjustment)		88,739,701	78,139,866
K. Net Excess of Income over Expenses After Tax (I-J)		502,858,305	442,792,575

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BRAC University
Statement of Changes in Funds
For the year ended 30 June 2019

Prepared using the Reporting Form-PUFR-III. A (b) prescribed by University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh


BRAC University
Statement of Changes in General Fund
As at 30 June 2019

Particulars	Note No.	Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
Beginning Balance		52,089,950	122,386,184
Add: Transferred from Excess of Income over Expenditure Statement		452,572,474	398,513,317
Total fund		504,662,424	520,899,501
Less: Transferred to Development Fund		(454,196,182)	(468,809,551)
Ending Balance for the year		50,466,242	52,089,950

BRAC University
Statement of Changes in Retained Earnings/ Excess of Income over Expenditure
As at 30 June 2019

Particulars	Note No.	Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
Beginning Balance		44,279,258	-
Add: Surplus transferred from Income and Expenditure Statement		502,858,305	442,792,575
Total fund		547,137,563	442,792,575
Less: Transferred to General Fund		(452,572,474)	(398,513,317)
Ending Balance for the year		94,565,089	44,279,258

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BRAC University
Cash Flow Statement (Indirect Method)
For the year ended 30 June 2019

Prepared using the Reporting Form-PUFR-III. A (d) prescribed by University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh

Particulars	Notes No.	Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
a) Cash Flow from Operating Activities:			
Excess of Income over Expenses after Tax		502,858,305	442,792,575
Non Cash Expenses		115,021,431	72,689,464
Change of Working Capital		17,424,635	(301,669,625)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities		635,304,371	213,812,413
b) Cash Flow from Investing Activities:			
Purchase/Acquisition of Fixed Assets/ Investments		(2,029,916,597)	(825,243,129)
Less: Sale Proceeds Disposal of Fixed Assets/Investments		1,179,807	2,145,638
Net Cash Flow from		(2,028,736,790)	(823,097,492)
c) Cash Flow from Financing Activities:			
Increase of Finance/Donated Fund /Loan		895,431,937	876,835,838
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities		895,431,937	876,835,838
Cash and Cash Equivalent Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(498,000,484)	267,550,759
Cash and Cash Equivalent at Beginning of the Year		686,202,689	418,651,930
Cash and Cash Equivalent at the End of the year	5.04	<u>188,202,205</u>	<u>686,202,689</u>


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BRAC University
Notes to the Financial Statements
As at and for the year ended 30 June 2019
Prepared using the Reporting Form-PUFR-III. B prescribed by University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh

1. Background of the Organization

BRAC University ("the University") is a private institution of higher education, established in 2001 under clause 6 (1) of the Private University Act 1992 upon approval and certification of the Ministry of Education of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The address of the University's registered office is 66 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212.

The University provides educational services primarily for students and trainees at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels, performs research, training and other services. The University's academic organization includes School of Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), BRAC Business School (BBS), School of Law (SoL), School of Architecture and Design, School of Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Life Science, Graduate School of Management, James P. Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH), In addition the University also operates the BRAC Institute of Government and Development (BIGD), BRAC Institute of Educational Development (BIED) and BRAC Institute of Languages (BIL).

2. Basis of preparation of financial statements

2.01 Reporting framework and compliance thereof

The financial statements of the University are prepared in conformity with the Financial Transactions Recording and Annual Financial Reporting Format" PUFR (Private University Financial Report). For Private Universities in Bangladesh" which is made by University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh in order to abide by the provisions stipulated in Section 45(1) of Private University Act 2010.

The title and format of financial statements follow the requirements of IFRSs which are to some extent different from the requirement of Private University Act 2010; However, such differences are not material and in the view of management, IFRS format gives a better presentation to the stakeholders.

2.02 Measurement of elements of the financial statements

Measurement is the process of determining the monetary amounts at which the elements of the financial statements are to be recognized and carried in the balance sheet and income and expenditure statement. The measurement basis most commonly adopted by the University in the preparation of its financial statements except for gratuity which are carried and at their present value is historical cost.

2.03 Functional and presentation currency

These financial statements are presented in Bangladesh Taka (Taka/Tk./BDT), which is the University's functional currency. All financial information presented in Taka has been rounded up/off to the nearest integer, except when otherwise indicated.

2.04 Uses of estimates and judgments

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Sec 45(1) of Private University Act 2010 requires management to make judgment, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts and disclosure but do not undermine the reliability of the financial statements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.



Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an on going basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future period affected.

2.05 Going concern

When preparing financial statements, management makes an assessment of University's ability to continue as a going concern. University prepares financial statements on a going concern basis.

2.06 Accrual basis of accounting

BRAC University prepares its financial statements, except for cash flow information, following the accrual basis of accounting. Since the accrual basis of accounting is used, University recognizes items as assets, liabilities, funds, income and expenses (when the elements of financial statements) after satisfying the definitions and recognition criteria for those elements in the Framework.

2.07 Materiality and aggregation

University presents each material class of similar items. University presents separately items of a dissimilar nature or function unless they are immaterial. Financial statements result from processing large numbers of transactions or other events that are aggregated into classes according to their nature or function.

2.08 Offsetting

University does not offset assets and liabilities or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by IFRS. University reports separately both assets and liabilities and income and expenses.

2.09 Comparative information and rearrangement thereof

Comparative figures have been re-arranged wherever considered necessary to ensure better comparability with the current period without causing any impact on the surplus and value of assets and liabilities as reported in the financial statements to ensure the alignment with the updated Reporting Form prescribed by the UGC of Bangladesh.

3.0 Summary of significant accounting policies

The accounting policies are set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements and have been applied consistently by the University.

3.01 Foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency of the University at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at that date. All exchange differences are recognized in Income and Expenditure Statement.

3.02 Property and equipment

3.02.1 Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the

Any gain or loss on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment (calculated as the difference between the net proceeds from disposal and the carrying amount of the item) is recognized in Income and Expenditure Statement.



3.02.2 Subsequent costs

Subsequent expenditure is capitalized only when it is probable that the future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the University. Ongoing repairs and maintenance are treated expenses as

3.02.3 Depreciation

Items of property and equipment are depreciated from the month they are available for use. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of items of property and equipment by following the straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation is generally recognized in Income and Expenditure Statement.

Asset category-wise depreciation rates are as follows:

<u>Category of assets</u>	<u>Rate of depreciation</u>
Land	Nil
Buildings	5%
Computer	33%
Educational equipment	20%
Other equipment	20%
Interior decoration	33%
Furniture and fixtures	20%
Library books	33%
Vehicle	20%

Residual value will not be assigned to any fixed assets. Prediction of residual value of assets shall be highly hypothetical at acquisition date as the assets shall be use even after expiry of its estimated economic life and also residual value depends on its physical condition at time of disposal. Therefore, assigning residual value to assets has to be avoiding.

3.03 Leases

Operating leases are not recognized in the University's balance sheet. Payments made under operating leases are recognized in Income and Expenditure Statement on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

3.04 Employee benefits

3.04.1 Staff and faculty gratuity fund

The University maintains a gratuity fund for its eligible staff and faculty. They are entitled to gratuity benefits after completing a minimum period of three years of service with the University. Gratuity payable to all eligible employees at the end of each year has been determined on the basis of existing rules and regulations of the University.

3.04.2 Contributory provident fund

The University maintains a recognized contributory provident fund for its eligible staff and faculty. Provident fund contribution begins from the month when the service of the staff and faculty are confirmed. The employee contributes @ 10% of their basic salary and the employer also contributes the same amount to the fund.

3.05 Provisions, accruals and contingencies

Provisions

A provision is recognised when:

- University has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event;
- It is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation; and



If these conditions are not met, no provision is recognised.

Accruals

Accruals are liabilities to pay for goods or services that have been received or supplied but have not been paid, invoiced or formally agreed with the supplier, including amount due to employees.

Contingent Liabilities

University does not recognise a contingent liability. A contingent liability is disclosed, unless the possibility of an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits is remote.

3.06 Revenue

Revenue comprises tuition fees, admission fees, semester fees, sale of forms and other various fees.

3.07 Grants and grant income

The University receives grant from government, not-for-profit, private and various renowned organizations from Bangladesh and abroad. Donor grants received are initially recorded as Grants received in advance under fund and liabilities in the balance sheet. On the other hand, grants received for scholarship are recorded under Scholarship Fund.

A grant is not recognized until there is reasonable assurance that the University will comply with the conditions attaching to it, and that the grant will be received. Grants are recognized in income on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognizes as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate. Grants are accounted for under income approach under which a grant is recognized in Income and Expenditure Statement over one or more periods.

Grants related to specific expenses are recognized in Income and Expenditure Statement in the same period when relevant expenses incurred. Similarly, grants related to depreciable assets are usually recognized in Income and Expenditure Statement over the periods and in the proportions in which depreciation expense on those assets is recognized.

Grants related assets are presented in the balance sheet after amortization of assets and the same amount is presented as deferred income.

3.08 Financial income and financial expenses

Finance income comprises interest income on bank balances and staff loan. Interest income is recognized on an accrual basis. Financial expenses comprise bank charge, excise duty etc.

3.09 Receivables

Receivables arise principally from course fee, interest on fixed deposits and donor grants.

3.10 Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities owing to students, third parties and employees for work performed, goods supplied and services rendered, but not yet paid, at the end of the fiscal period.

3.11 Cash and cash equivalents

i) Cash comprises cash in hand and demand deposits.



ii) Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investment that are readily convertible to cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Therefore, investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisitions have been considered as cash equivalents in the financial statements, cash equivalents are held for the purpose of meeting short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes. However bank overdraft have been included as a component of cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying financial statements.

3.12 Tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income chargeable for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

3.13 Events after the reporting period

Events after the reporting period that provide additional information about the University's position at the reporting date are reflected in the financial statements. Events after the reporting period that are not adjusting events are disclosed in the notes when material.

4.00 Non-Current Assets

		Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
Property, Plant and Equipment	4.01	4,642,043,565	2,800,064,001
Donated Assets	4.02	2,990,075,180	2,973,219,171
		<u>7,632,118,745</u>	<u>5,773,283,173</u>
Investment	4.03	95,000,000	95,000,000
		<u>7,727,118,745</u>	<u>5,868,283,173</u>
4.01 Propert			
Opening balance		2,800,064,001	2,380,921,285
Add: Addition during the period		1,855,062,629	446,607,861
Less: Disposal during the period		13,083,066	27,465,144
Closing Balance		<u>4,642,043,565</u>	<u>2,800,064,001</u>

For details schedule of Property, Plant and Equipment, please refer to Schedule-I (a).

4.02 Donated Assets

Opening balance	2,973,219,171	2,955,540,032
Add: Addition during the period	23,779,174	19,308,539
Less: Disposal during the period	6,923,165	1,629,400
Closing Balance	<u>2,990,075,180</u>	<u>2,973,219,171</u>

Donated assets are purchased from grants amount. For details schedule of Donated Assets, please refer to Schedule-I (b).



		Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
4.03 Investment			
Investment in FDR		95,000,000	95,000,000
		95,000,000	95,000,000

This investment represents the mandatory reserve of Tk. 50,000,000 as per the requirement of the Private University Act 1992 superseded by the Private University Act 2010. The rest of the amount of Tk. 45,000,000 which was the yielding money of Tk. 50,000,000 also invested in the Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR).

5.00 Current Assets

Receivables	5.01	341,807,246	368,814,783
Advance and Pre-payments	5.02	621,529,544	526,927,882
Short-term investment	5.03	1,603,520,858	1,216,507,786
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5.04	188,202,205	686,202,689
		2,755,059,854	2,798,453,140

5.01 Receivables

Bank Interest Receivable		129,816,990	93,658,283
Tuition and Other Course Fees Receivable		3,782,548	8,435,620
Accounts Receivable (Others)	5.01.1	208,207,708	266,720,880
		341,807,246	368,814,783

5.01.1 Accounts Receivable (Others)

Accounts Receivable		35,618,997	36,853,435
Donor grants receivable		172,588,711	229,867,445
		208,207,708	266,720,880

5.02 Advance and Pre-payments

Advance against Expenses		599,889,312	510,172,292
Security Deposit		5,158,405	3,919,213
Loan for Business Plan Competition		1,104,998	1,224,997
Advance to Staff as Loan		15,376,829	11,611,379
		621,529,544	526,927,882

5.03 Short-term investment

Fixed Deposit Receipt (pledged)		300,000,000	300,000,000
Fixed Deposit Receipt (unpledged)		1,303,520,858	916,507,786
		1,603,520,858	1,216,507,786

FDR of Tk. 300,000,000 has been pledged with Public Bank Ltd. against the Secured Over Draft (SOD).



		Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
5.04	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
	Cash in hand	4,221,118	2,336,528
	Cash at bank	183,981,087	683,866,161
		188,202,205	686,202,689
6.00	Current Liabilities		
	Course fee received in advance	383,022,964	325,177,826
	Convocation fee received in advance	15,385,499	3,604,500
	Grants received in advance	350,824,383	395,854,124
	Other Current Liabilities	6.01 754,528,966	530,108,411
	Net Provision for Taxation	6.02 271,126,361	202,942,743
	Deferred Income	6.03 169,930,330	182,330,532
	Staff Welfare Savings Fund	6.04 4,052,575	-
		1,948,871,077	1,640,018,136
6.01	Other Current Liabilities		
	Payable to Service providers	123,236,719	99,900,571
	Payable against Utility bills and Expenses	233,535,949	271,689,980
	Library Caution Money	1,033,800	1,039,800
	Security deposit refundable to the Supplier	125,124,318	41,275,867
	Payable against Tax and VAT	5,366,866	5,405,663
	Secured Over Draft (SOD) -Public Bank Ltd	254,015,556	108,363,067
	Interest payable on Term Loan	12,215,757	2,433,464
		754,528,966	530,108,411
6.02	Net Provision for Taxation		
	Provision for Taxation	6.02.1 478,337,775	389,598,074
	Advance Income Tax	6.02.2 (207,211,414)	(186,655,331)
		271,126,361	202,942,743

The university has pending litigation of Taka 58,91,79,053.00 with National Board of Revenue (NBR) lying in the appellate division and the Honourable High Court Division of the Supreme Court for assessment of income tax of income year 2002-2003 to 2018-2019. These are mainly due to submission of nil return by the University for those year and assessment made by the income tax authority considering the tax @ 15% on taxable income and interest thereon. The University is the defendant in a claim by the income tax authority alleging non payment of income tax as,per the Income Tax Ordinance, 1984. The University has filed a counter action and preliminary hearing and discovery proceedings on both actions are in progress. The ultimate outcome of the matter cannot presently be determined and no provision for any liability has been made in the financial statements according to the Tax Authority's claim. It is also noted that the Honourable High Court division stayed the demand of the NBR till disposal of the reference application to the High Court division for the Assessment year 2003-04, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Also the Reference applications already submitted to the High Court division for the Assessment year 2010-11, 2013-14 and 2014-15.



Amount in Taka	
30 June 2019	30 June 2018

6.02.1 Provision for Taxation

Opening balance	389,598,074	311,458,208
Provision made during the period	88,739,701	78,139,866
Closing balance	<u>478,337,775</u>	<u>389,598,074</u>

6.02.2 Advance Income Tax

Opening balance	186,655,331	169,971,263
Tax deposited as per demand	-	7,165,020
Tax deposited through deducted at source	20,556,082	9,519,048
Total Tax deposited during the year	<u>20,556,082</u>	<u>16,684,068</u>
Closing balance	<u>207,211,413</u>	<u>186,655,331</u>

6.03 Deferred Income

Deferred income consists of donor grants utilized to purchase fixed assets. The movement of deferred income is as follows:

Opening balance	182,330,532	197,141,066
Fund transferred from grants received in advance	23,779,174	26,125,953
Income recognized during the year	(36,179,376)	(40,062,849)
Adjustment made during the period	-	(873,637)
Closing balance	<u>169,930,330</u>	<u>182,330,532</u>

6.04 Staff Welfare Savings Fund

Opening balance	-	-
Fund received during the period	4,214,191	-
Interest Provision during the period	146,311	-
Less: Payment made during the period	(307,927)	-
Closing Balance	<u>4,052,575</u>	<u>-</u>

7.00 Reserve Fund

The amount of Tk. 50,000,000 (Five Crore) only represents as Reserve fund as per the requirement of the Private University Act 1992 superseded by the Private University Act 2010. This amount was received from BRAC (Trustee of BRAC University) as grant and it has been invested in Double Benefit Scheme with ONE Bank Ltd.

8.00 General Fund

Opening balance	52,089,950	122,386,184
Add: Previous year's excess of income over expenditure	452,572,474	398,513,317
Less: Referred to Development fund	(454,196,182)	(468,809,551)
Closing Balance	<u>50,466,243</u>	<u>52,089,950</u>



		Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
9.00	Special Fund		
	Shohayota Fund	9.01 2,306,944	2,352,792
	Scholarship Fund	9.02 335,593,290	349,601,866
	Endowment Fund	9.03 363,639,289	322,367,099
	Development Fund	9.04 5,345,796,785	4,848,055,573
		<u>6,047,336,307</u>	<u>5,522,377,330</u>

9.01 Shohayota Fund

The fund is contributed by the staff and faculty to be used for the welfare of staffs, faculty and students. All responsibilities to manage this fund have been vested with the committee consists of seven members.

Opening balance	2,352,792	2,459,931
Contribution during the period	193,032	249,111
Payment made during the period	(238,880)	(356,250)
Closing Balance	<u>2,306,944</u>	<u>2,352,792</u>

9.02 Scholarship Fund

Opening balance	349,601,866	194,665,810
Fund received during the period	-	184,803,799
Interest earned on FDR during the period	29,498,130	18,472,118
Scholarship to students	(43,506,707)	(48,339,861)
Closing Balance	<u>335,593,290</u>	<u>349,601,866</u>

The above fund has been created by grants from Ford Foundation , BRAC-OSF, Porticus, BRAC Bank Limited and Delta Brac Housing Finance Ltd.(DBH)

9.03 Endowment Fund

Endowment Fund-Architecture	9.03.1 693,760	682,257
Endowment Fund-Biotechnology	9.03.2 6,066,848	5,737,260
Endowment Fund-BIGD	9.03.3 115,849,345	100,000,000
Endowment Fund-JPGSPH	9.03.4 241,029,334	215,947,582
	<u>363,639,289</u>	<u>322,367,099</u>

9.03.1 Endowment Fund-Architecture

Opening balance	682,257	455,231
Add: Interest earned during the period	30,503	227,026
Less: Payment made during the period	(19,000)	-
Closing Balance	<u>693,760</u>	<u>682,257</u>



Amount in Taka	
30 June 2019	30 June 2018

9.03.2 Endowment Fund-Biotechnology

This fund was made to build up a long term fund for Biotechnology Department for promotional, academic and research activities. Movement of the fund is as follows:

Opening Balance	5,737,260	5,485,398
Add: Interest Earned during the period	329,588	251,862
Less: Payment made during the period	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>6,066,848</u>	<u>5,737,260</u>

9.03.3 Endowment Fund-BIGD

Opening balance	100,000,000	100,000,000
Add: Interest Earned during the period	15,849,345	-
Less: Payment made during the period	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>115,849,345</u>	<u>100,000,000</u>

The amount of Tk. 100,000,000 has been received from BRAC as grant.

9.03.4 Endowment Fund-JPGSPH

Opening balance	215,947,582	35,091,042
Add: Fund received during the period	25,000,000	180,706,296
Add: Interest Earned during the period	81,752	150,244
Less: Payment made during the period	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>241,029,334</u>	<u>215,947,582</u>

The amount of Taka 180,706,296 has been received from BRAC as grant. 50% of interest of this grants are used for development work and another 50% of interest for re-investment to increase the fund.

9.04 Development Fund

Opening balance	4,848,055,573	4,306,612,685
Addition during the period	43,545,030	89,882,413
Transferred from General fund	454,196,182	468,809,551
Transferred to BIGD	-	(17,249,076)
Closing Balance	<u>5,345,796,785</u>	<u>4,848,055,573</u>

10.00 Accumulated Depreciation Fund

Opening balance	576,111,510	517,150,452
Addition during the year	91,400,321	86,860,901
Adjustment made during the year	(19,560,599)	(27,899,843)
Closing Balance	<u>647,951,232</u>	<u>576,111,510</u>



Amount in Taka	
30 June 2019	30 June 2018

11.00 Long Term Liabilities

Gratuity Fund	11.01	268,899,609	199,922,530
Salary Payables	11.02	78,751,520	62,239,302
Term Loan	11.03	1,295,337,523	519,698,297
		<u>1,642,988,652</u>	<u>781,860,129</u>

11.01 Gratuity Fund

Opening balance	199,922,530	156,652,895
Addition during the period	80,262,195	49,929,894
Payment made during the period	(11,285,116)	(6,660,259)
Closing Balance	<u>268,899,609</u>	<u>199,922,530</u>

Gratuity is calculated from the date of joining to the date of separation of an employee. All regular staff and faculty get gratuity at their resignation, retirement, redundancy or termination. Gratuity entitlement is determined as per provision of the HR policy.

11.02 Salary Payables against Study Leave

Opening Balance	62,239,302	51,459,361
Add: Provision made during the period	29,382,526	21,576,831
Less: Adjustment made during the period	(12,870,308)	(10,796,891)
Closing Balance	<u>78,751,520</u>	<u>62,239,302</u>

11.03 Term Loan

Opening Balance	519,698,297	102,018,817
Received during the period	777,109,860	419,698,296
Adjustment made during the period	(1,470,633)	(2,018,817)
Closing Balance	<u>1,295,337,523</u>	<u>519,698,297</u>

12.00 Academic Income

Tuition and other fees	1,853,138,382	1,580,869,302
Admission fee	79,510,750	83,568,750
Laboratory, Library and various activities fees	203,373,546	166,179,281
Convocation fees	-	10,898,000
Others Income	5,874,583	4,009,547
Total Revenue received during the year	<u>2,141,897,262</u>	<u>1,845,524,880</u>
Add: Last year advance adjusted during the year	325,177,826	272,150,555
Less: Advance received during the year	(383,022,964)	(325,177,826)
	<u>2,084,052,124</u>	<u>1,792,497,609</u>



		Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
13.00 Academic Expenses			
Salaries and Benefits	13.01	726,799,968	559,114,190
Rent and Utilities	13.02	235,637,135	200,618,868
General Expenses	13.03	80,560,187	79,663,553
Printing and Stationery	13.04	16,823,567	15,274,533
Students Programs Expenses	13.05	32,012,349	30,115,811
Scholarship to Students	13.06	124,090,924	129,776,272
Servicing and Maintenance	13.07	51,443,793	30,894,629
Teacher Development Expenses	13.08	28,270,504	11,639,453
Depreciation		51,817,110	46,989,685
		1,347,455,537	1,104,086,994
13.01 Salaries and Benefits			
Salaries and benefits of faculty		647,854,084	499,828,596
Salaries and benefits of academic staff		78,945,884	59,285,594
		726,799,968	559,114,190
13.02 Rent and Utilities			
Rent		202,998,088	172,764,041
Electricity and Water		30,412,234	26,122,030
Telephone and Fax		2,226,813	1,732,797
		235,637,135	200,618,868
13.03 General Expenses			
Newspaper & Periodicals		548,373	592,163
Entertainment		3,236,728	2,749,651
Medical Expenses		1,018,024	183,114
Legal & Professional Expenses		530,107	2,569,770
Transportation and Traveling		24,216,196	19,168,295
Meeting Honorarium		380,400	632,300
Cleaning Charges		8,112,678	6,205,770
Group Insurance		1,467,030	-
Miscellaneous Expenses		2,470,745	10,876,813
Internet Services Expenses		16,563,976	14,344,961
Food and Accommodation Expenses-RS		22,015,930	22,340,716
		80,560,187	79,663,553
13.04 Printing and Stationery			
Printing		8,881,608	8,489,824
Stationery		7,137,316	6,258,519
Photocopy expenses		511,203	462,997
Courier & Postage		293,440	63,193
		16,823,567	15,274,533



		Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
13.05	Students Programs Expenses		
	Students club activities	27,595,200	8,995,088
	Study tour	4,417,149	4,297,966
	Convocation	-	16,822,757
		<u>32,012,349</u>	<u>30,115,811</u>
13.06	Scholarship to Students		
	Bachelor	94,487,452	96,844,778
	Masters	29,603,472	32,931,494
		<u>124,090,924</u>	<u>129,776,272</u>
During this year 2018-2019 University has been awarded 752 Bachelor students (2017-2018: 731) and 95 Masters' students (2017-2018: 77).			
13.07	Servicing and Maintenance		
	Furniture repair	2,622,859	2,721,628
	Building (Campus) maintenance	6,213,486	4,702,249
	Equipment repair	4,585,542	5,253,946
	Vehicles repair	4,722,639	4,115,017
	Computer repair	1,539,008	1,536,899
	Lab accessories	3,070,270	1,979,401
	Office extension and renovation	22,548,933	9,206,998
	Office maintenance	6,141,056	1,378,491
		<u>51,443,793</u>	<u>30,894,629</u>
13.08	Teacher Development Expenses		
	Seminar and Conference	10,916,831	5,658,348
	Training	17,353,673	5,981,105
		<u>28,270,504</u>	<u>11,639,453</u>
14.00	Admission Expenses		
	Advertisement Expenses	19,216,023	16,157,988
	Admission test expenses	10,058,810	7,986,539
	Certificate verification expenses	500,027	467,832
		<u>29,774,860</u>	<u>24,612,359</u>
15.00	Non-Academic Income		
	Gain on Foreign Currency translation	210,840	370,919
	Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	734,175	950,937
	Income from other sources	31,233,325	38,105,800
	Grant income	656,614,309	560,817,840
		<u>688,792,649</u>	<u>600,245,495</u>



		Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
15.01	Grant Income		
	Donor grants	620,434,933	520,754,991
	Amortization of fixed Assets	36,179,376	40,062,849
		656,614,309	560,817,840
16.00	Non Academic Expenses		
	Salaries, Wages and Allowances	16.01 339,488,251	300,072,647
	Rent and Utilities	16.02 102,346,666	57,229,656
	General expenses	16.03 48,883,075	32,883,939
	Servicing and Maintenance	16.04 18,477,791	12,567,003
	Printing and Stationery	16.05 8,533,666	4,351,847
	Staff Development Expenses	16.06 7,337,958	4,855,134
	Depreciation	39,583,211	39,871,216
		564,650,617	451,831,442
16.01	Salaries, Wages and Allowances		
	Salaries and benefits of staff	305,388,546	272,682,698
	Overtime and Wages	34,099,705	27,389,949
		339,488,251	300,072,647
16.02	Rent and Utilities		
	Rent	88,077,909	49,796,691
	Electricity and Water	13,079,960	6,927,902
	Telephone and Fax	1,188,797	505,063
		102,346,666	57,229,656
16.03	General expenses		
	Audit fees	920,000	2,170,925
	Cleaning Service	2,946,200	3,129,997
	Consultancy fees	9,905,649	4,814,029
	Entertainment	791,323	633,861
	Legal and Professional fees	124,333	648,788
	Medical Expenses	254,506	45,244
	Network Accessories	6,195,872	2,373,803
	Security expenses	4,164,746	3,511,639
	Meeting Honorarium	424,363	-
	Transportation and Traveling	10,607,630	4,876,625
	Group Insurance premium	366,757	-
	Miscellaneous expenses	12,181,694	10,679,028
		48,883,075	32,883,939



		Amount in Taka	
		30 June 2019	30 June 2018
16.04	Servicing and Maintenance		
	Furniture repair	658,215	621,315
	Building (Campus) maintenance	3,632,371	2,707,588
	Equipment repair	1,140,371	1,085,330
	Vehicles repair	2,180,901	1,999,020
	Computer repair	502,098	413,521
	Lab accessories	767,568	494,850
	Office extension and renovation	5,637,233	2,301,750
	Office maintenance	3,959,034	2,943,629
		18,477,791	12,567,003
16.05	Printing and Stationery		
	Printing cost	4,685,313	2,512,627
	Stationery	3,574,517	1,684,294
	Photocopy expenses	205,819	102,544
	Courier and postage	68,017	52,382
		8,533,666	4,351,847
16.06	Staff Development Expenses		
	Seminar and Conference related expenses	5,418,571	1,414,587
	Training	1,919,387	3,440,547
		7,337,958	4,855,134
17.00	Financial Income		
	Interest income:		
	Interest income on fixed deposits	115,425,179	81,506,252
	Interest income on bank account	2,551,310	2,404,826
	Interest income from staff loan	1,290,114	732,054
		119,266,603	84,643,132
18.00	Contingencies		
	Pending	589,179,053	488,097,843
	Less: Provision for taxation	(478,337,775)	(389,598,074)
	Contingent liability	110,841,278	98,499,769

*Details are mentioned in the Schedule-II.



19.00 Other disclosures

19.01 Reporting period

These financial statements cover from 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

19.02 Date of authorization for issue of the financial statements

On 22 January 2020 the Board of Trustees in its meeting reviewed the financial statements and authorized us for issue.

19.03 Events after the reporting period

No material events did occur after the reporting period to the date of issue of these financial statements, which could affect the values stated in the financial statements.



Schedule-I (a)

BRAC University
Schedule of Property, Plant and Equipment
As at 30 June 2019

Prepared in the prescribed form PUFR-III, B (5) of University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh

Particulars	Cost			Depreciation			Amount in BDT Written down value as at 30 June 2019
	Balance as at 1 July 2018	Addition during the year	Disposal during the year	Balance as at 30 June 2019	Charged during the year	Adjustments during the year	Balance as at 30 June 2019
2018-2019							
Computer	183,289,105	33,609,958	5,622,691	211,276,372	22,070,648	5,564,013	159,108,944
Educational equipment	86,613,645	6,366,541	509,994	92,470,192	13,746,358	494,959	77,136,655
Others equipment	36,558,071	11,029,864	1,837,701	45,750,234	4,858,029	1,548,664	30,167,169
Interior decoration	510,522	4,308,235	-	4,818,757	-	-	510,522
Furniture and fixtures	106,892,553	36,135,711	3,281,504	139,746,760	9,682,918	3,214,818	88,761,885
Library books	36,062,616	3,947,664	31,176	39,979,104	2,507,492	31,176	35,024,550
Vehicle	91,029,778	20,790,000	1,800,000	110,019,778	9,114,448	1,800,000	71,543,417
Land	366,530,370	3,258,240	-	369,788,610	-	-	369,788,610
Building	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Work in progress(Campus Building)	1,892,577,340	1,735,616,416	-	3,628,193,757	-	-	3,628,193,757
Total	2,800,064,001	1,855,062,629	13,083,066	4,642,043,565	61,979,892	12,653,630	4,179,790,424

Particulars	Cost			Depreciation			Amount in BDT Written down value as at 30 June 2019
	Balance as at 1 July 2017	Addition during the year	Disposal during the year	Balance as at 30 June 2018	Charged during the year	Adjustments during the year	Balance as at 30 June 2018
2017-2018							
Computer	164,776,022	31,932,073	13,418,990	183,289,105	12,230,413	13,403,289	142,602,309
Educational equipment	80,245,966	14,233,509	7,865,830	86,613,645	9,392,815	7,673,438	63,885,256
Others equipment	35,998,525	4,129,592	3,570,046	36,558,071	3,115,961	3,541,601	26,857,803
Interior decoration	510,522	-	-	510,522	-	-	510,522
Furniture and fixtures	92,936,628	16,566,203	2,610,278	106,892,553	8,982,423	2,525,752	82,293,785
Library books	32,986,454	3,076,162	-	36,062,616	2,091,291	-	32,548,234
Vehicle	74,233,716	16,796,062	-	91,029,778	10,410,487	-	64,228,968
Land	208,334,035	158,196,335	-	366,530,370	-	-	366,530,370
Building	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Work in progress(Campus Building)	1,690,899,416	201,677,925	-	1,892,577,340	-	-	1,892,577,340
Total	2,380,921,285	446,607,861	27,465,144	2,800,064,001	46,223,390	27,144,080	412,926,878

Schedule-I (b)

BRAC University
Schedule of Donated Assets

As at 30 June 2019

Prepared in the prescribed form PUFR-III, B (5) of University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh
2018-2019

Particulars	Cost			Depreciation			Amount in BDT Written down value as at 30 June 2019
	Balance as at 1 July 2018	Addition during the year	Disposal during the year	Balance as at 30 June 2019	Charged during the year	Adjustments during the year	Balance as at 30 June 2019
Computer	38,832,671	11,491,364	3,417,588	46,906,447	6,213,277	3,410,574	10,262,713
Educational equipment	4,698,365	1,101,150	-	5,799,515	439,960	-	1,485,750
Others equipment	91,348,674	8,096,103	2,799,594	96,645,183	11,293,685	2,795,426	11,224,236
Interior decoration	630,000	440,000	-	1,070,000	207,900	-	723,500
Furniture and fixtures	34,023,357	2,632,682	490,100	36,165,939	5,368,361	485,087	4,794,784
Library books	7,845,809	17,875	215,883	7,647,801	503,042	215,883	221,559
Vehicle	11,306,099	-	-	11,306,099	2,261,220	-	6,795,268
Land	2,721,874,532	-	-	2,721,874,532	-	-	2,721,874,532
Building	62,659,664	-	-	62,659,664	3,132,983	-	46,994,749
Work in progress(Campus Building)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,973,219,171	23,779,174	6,923,165	2,990,075,180	29,420,429	6,906,969	2,804,377,089

2017-2018

Particulars	Cost			Depreciation			Amount in BDT Written down value as at 30 June 2019
	Balance as at 1 July 2017	Addition during the year	Disposal during the year	Balance as at 30 June 2018	Charged during the year	Adjustments during the year	Balance as at 30 June 2018
Computer	32,286,438	6,546,233	-	38,832,671	5,873,422	-	33,841,031
Educational equipment	4,656,165	42,200	-	4,698,365	357,995	-	3,873,805
Others equipment	89,993,859	1,354,815	-	91,348,674	22,232,441	-	76,922,689
Interior decoration	-	630,000	-	630,000	138,600	-	138,600
Furniture and fixtures	31,164,347	2,859,010	-	34,023,357	6,277,307	-	26,487,881
Library books	7,788,738	57,071	-	7,845,809	882,221	-	7,139,082
Vehicle	5,116,289	7,819,210	1,629,400	11,306,099	1,742,541	755,763	2,249,611
Land	2,721,874,532	-	-	2,721,874,532	-	-	-
Building	62,659,664	-	-	62,659,664	3,132,983	-	12,531,932
Work in progress(Campus Building)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,955,540,032	19,308,539	1,629,400	2,973,219,171	40,637,511	755,763	163,184,632



BRAC University
Income Tax Status as of 30 June 2019

Accounting Year	Income Year	Assessment Year	Provision for Tax (in Taka)	Claimed by NBR (in Taka)	Present Status
2001	2001-02	2002-03	-	-	Assessment completed without any appeal.
2002	2002-03	2003-04	-	1,443,040	Honorable High Court division on 06th April, 2006 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2003	2003-04	2004-05	-	1,301,516	Honorable High Court division on 01 December, 2015 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2004	2004-05	2005-06	-	6,955,298	Honorable High Court division on 23 November, 2015 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2005	2005-06	2006-07	-	7,985,809	Honorable High Court division on 23 November, 2015 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2006	2006-07	2007-08	-	11,358,261	Honorable High Court division on 23 November, 2015 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2007	2007-08	2008-09	1,772,883	24,258,755	Honorable High Court division on 23 November, 2015 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2008-09*	2008-09	2009-10	9,345,124	30,451,665	Honorable High Court division on 01 December, 2015 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2009-10	2009-10	2010-11	11,519,382	58,521,958	Reference application no. 53 of 2018 has been submitted before the honorable High Court division of Bangladesh Supreme Court on 15 February 2018.
2010-11	2010-11	2011-12	18,659,019	70,179,386	Honorable High Court division on 01 December, 2015 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2011-12	2011-12	2012-13	28,094,100	81,739,088	Honorable High Court division on 01 December, 2015 ordered to STAY the recovery of the NBR demand order till disposal of the Reference application.
2012-13	2012-13	2013-14	31,694,911	68,776,218	Reference application no. 50 of 2018 has been submitted before the honorable High Court division of Bangladesh Supreme Court on 15 February 2018.
2013-14	2013-14	2014-15	46,189,290	125,126,849	Reference application no. 49 of 2018 has been submitted before the honorable High Court division of Bangladesh Supreme Court on 14 February 2018.
2014-15	2014-15	2015-16	41,665,389	46,397,858	Tax assessment is under process through hearing before the office of DCT but the order not yet finalise.
2015-16	2015-16	2016-17	51,494,343	54,683,352	Tax assessment is under process through hearing before the office of DCT but the order not yet finalise.
2016-17	2016-17	2017-18	71,023,768	-	Income Tax Return has been submitted under Universal Self Assessment before the office of DCT.
2017-18	2017-18	2018-19	78,139,866	-	Income Tax Return has been submitted under Universal Self Assessment before the office of DCT.
2018-19	2018-19	2019-20	88,739,701	-	Income Tax return is under process but not yet submitted.
Total			478,337,775	589,179,053	

*Assessment made for the period from 01 January 2008 to 30 June 2009 (18 months)



BRAC University

Schedule of Student fees, Number of Academic & Non Academic Staff Remuneration / Honorarium of Governing & Executive Bodies;

Prepared using the Reporting Form-PUFR-V prescribed by University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh

1) Tuition Fees of Students (Financial Year 2018-2019)

a) Bachelor / Undergraduate

Year	Summer-1st half (July-August)			Fall (September-December)			Spring (January-April)			Summer-2nd half (May-June)			Total		
	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Year 1	8,322	44,128	265,263,650	8,172	82,906	498,816,175	9,166	98,815	620,775,825	8,611	45,489	282,366,000	8,568	271,337	1,667,221,650
Total	8,322	44,128	265,263,650	8,172	82,906	498,816,175	9,166	98,815	620,775,825	8,611	45,489	282,366,000	8,568	271,337	1,667,221,650

b) Master / Graduate

Year	Summer-1st half (July-August)			Fall (September-December)			Spring (January-April)			Summer-2nd half (May-June)			Total		
	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Year 1	1,020	3,671	31,827,719	1,088	7,908	68,072,561	1,136	8,120	69,664,085	1,102	3,914	35,363,355	1,087	23,612	204,927,720
Total	1,020	3,671	31,827,719	1,088	7,908	68,072,561	1,136	8,120	69,664,085	1,102	3,914	35,363,355	1,087	23,612	204,927,720

c) Diploma & Others

Year	Summer-1st half (July-August)			Fall (September-December)			Spring (January-April)			Summer-2nd half (May-June)			Total		
	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Admission & Tuition Fees)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Year 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Fees of Registered / Enrolled Students (Financial Year 2018-2019)
a) Bachelor / Undergraduate

Year	Summer- 1 st Half (July-August)			Fall (September)			Spring (January-April)			Summer-2 nd Half (May-June)			Total	
	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Lab, library, student activities, Form fee & others fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Lab, library, student activities, Form fee & others fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Lab, library, student activities, Form fee & others fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Lab, library, student activities, Form fee & others fees)	Average Number of Students	Total Credit Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Year 1	8,322	-	28,224,275	8,172	-	57,612,600	9,166	-	71,346,500	8,611	-	33,653,709	8,568	-
Total	8,322	-	28,224,275	8,172	-	57,612,600	9,166	-	71,346,500	8,611	-	33,653,709	8,611	-

b) Master / Graduate

Year	Summer- 1 st Half (July-August)			Fall (September)			Spring (January-April)			Summer-2 nd Half (May-June)			Total	
	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Lab, library, student activities, Form fee & others fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Lab, library, student activities, Form fee & others fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Lab, library, student activities, Form fee & others fees)	Number of Students	Total Credit Taken	Total Amount (Lab, library, student activities, Form fee & others fees)	Average Number of Students	Total Credit Taken
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Year 1	1,020	-	3,124,170	1,088	-	6,888,750	1,136	-	7,438,500	1,102	-	3,614,250	1,087	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,102	-	3,614,250	1,102	-

2) Number of Academic Staff

a. Residence

Designation	Full Time		Part time		Total		Existing	
	Approved	Existing	Approved	Existing	Approved	Existing	male	female
Professor		34		22		56	44	12
Associate Professor		29		9		38	30	8
Assistant Professor		72		10		82	59	23
Lecturer		364		52		416	202	214
Academic related staff		40		40		80	39	41
Total	-	539		133		672	374	298

b. Foreign/Non Residence

Designation	Full Time		Part time		Total		Existing	
	Approved	Existing	Approved	Existing	Approved	Existing	male	female
Professor		1				1	1	
Associate Professor								
Assistant Professor								
Lecturer								
Academic related staff								
Total		1				1	1	

3) Number of Non Academic Staff

Designation	Full Time		Part time		Total		Existing	
	Approved	Existing	Approved	Existing	Approved	Existing	male	female
Officers		585		15		600	366	234
Staff		350		0		350	298	52
Total		935	0	15	0	950	664	286

4) Remuneration, Honorarium & Salary of Governing Body (Financial Year 2018-2019)

Designation	Salary & Allowance	Remuneration	TA, DA & Others	Total
Chairman/ President	-	-	-	-
Member	-	-	-	-
Member	-	-	-	-
Member	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

5) Remuneration, Honorarium & Salary of Executive Body (Financial Year 2018-2019)

Designation	Salary & Allowance	Remuneration	TA, DA & Others	Total
Vice Chancellor	9,600,000	-	-	9,600,000
Pro-vice Chancellor	8,400,000	-	-	8,400,000
Treasurer	4,800,000	-	-	4,800,000
Total	22,800,000	-	-	22,800,000



BRAC University
Development Expenditure by Program/Project
As of 30 June 2019

Prepared using the Reporting Form-PURR-VI prescribed by University Grant Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh

Name of Programs/Project	Nature of Programs /Project	Duration		Total Project Cost	Source of Fund		Total Cost Incurred		Progress (Financial)	
		Starting	Completion		Organization	Amount	Cumulative Previous year	Current year	CPY % on TCP	CY % on TCP Comments
C3ER	Climate Change and Environment research	01-Jul-18	30-Jun-19	5,318,172	GIZ, CARC, Save the Children, BRAC	5,318,172	-	5,318,172	0%	100%
CFTM	Climate Change and Environment research	01-Jan-17	30-Sep-19	40,425,587	British Council	34,225,423	14,261,175	17,306,569	35%	43%
GRP	Community Based flood Resilience Innovations in Bangladesh	01-Jan-17	31-Jul-18	20,490,734	KPMG	20,453,388	19,099,445	1,353,943	93%	7%
Climate Induced Migration project in Bangladesh	Climate Induced Migration	01-Apr-19	30-Sep-19	6,855,553	British Council	3,148,155	-	1,837,692	0%	27%
The Last 100 Metres	Safeguarding potable water provisioning to urban informal settlements	01-Dec-16	31-Mar-18	2,984,940	Lancaster university	3,018,013	2,250,975	767,037	75%	26%
Digital RMG Factory Mapping	Entrepreneurship Development to complete a transparency initiative for the ready made garment	15-Apr-17	15-Apr-21	153,781,250	BRAC USA	73,838,434	34,670,722	37,444,789	23%	24%
CARC-EEE	Power conservation for electricity assisted rickshaws with PV Support, Torque Sensor Paddle and the solar Battery Charging station	02-Aug-15	01-Aug-16	4,950,000	IDCOL	4,950,000	4,814,471	135,529	97%	3%
OSF	Faculty Development and Legal empowerment scholars	01-Sep-14	31-Aug-20	174,719,250	BRAC USA	174,719,250	127,689,204	18,034,158	73%	10%
Legal Empowerment Scholars-CPI	Legal Empowerment Scholars	01-Sep-17	31-Aug-20	49,920,000	BRAC USA	49,920,000	20,906,197	18,219,545	42%	36%
Empowerment women, Peaceful Community	Research	01-May-18	31-Mar-19	12,844,500	Un-women	12,784,361	125,000	12,659,361	1%	99%
Study on the Rights and Protection Context Study on Promoting peaceful Society.	Research	09-Apr-18	09-Jul-18	796,948	BRAC	398,474	30,000	214,500	4%	27%
Awareness and Advocacy Workshop	Context Study on Promoting peaceful Society.	31-Oct-18	15-Jan-19	1,211,250	BRAC	947,934	-	575,520	0%	48%
Civic Outreach	Awareness and Advocacy Workshop	13-Dec-18	30-Mar-19	3,237,138	UNDP	2,265,997	-	811,054	0%	25%
Community Based Learning for Peace(CBLP)	Achieving Peace and tolerance through civic engagement in Rohingya Refugee Camps and Host Communities	02-May-19	21-Oct-19	608,000	BRAC	-	-	651,606	0%	107%
IQAC-BRAC University	Community Based Learning for Peace in Rohingya Refugee Camps and Host Communities	02-May-19	30-Oct-19	10,529,620	BRAC	-	-	498,605	0%	5%
ASCENT-PPDM	Establishment of Institutional Quality Assurance	01-Jul-15	30-Jun-18	19,346,800	HEQEP, UGC	21,289,500	10,331,093	2,598,807	53%	13%
Rescuebot	Advancing Skill Creation to Enhance Transformation	15-Oct-15	31-Jan-19	5,374,088	University of Huddersfield	4,254,713	3,148,552	2,225,536	59%	41%
	Rescuebot-A Project on Assisting Secondary Disaster Situation	01-Dec-18	30-Nov-19	1,500,000	ICT	750,000	-	985,731	0%	66%



Name of Programs/Project	Nature of Programs /Project	Duration		Total Project Cost	Source of Fund		Total Cost incurred		Progress (Financial)	
		Starting	Completion		Organization	Amount	Cumulative Previous year	Current year	CPY % on TCP	CY % on TCP
Empathy Lab	to develop a framework where students can learn and practice the skills of Empathy, New leadership and change making to build the skills to solve social problems.	25-Sep-18	25-Sep-19	3,323,009	Asioka Innovators, BracU	3,323,009	-	1,786,845	0%	54%
The role of the Business case in sustainability initiatives: Scalability of business case initiatives in the garment industry	Research	03-May-18	31-Aug-20	1,900,000	Royal Holloway and Bedford New College	-	-	1,099,500	0%	58%
The Regulation of Int. Supply Chain (RISC)	Lessons from the Governance of occupational Health & Safety in the Bangladesh ready-made garment industry	01-Mar-19	28-Feb-21	14,709,281	Copenhagen Business School	-	-	651,093	0%	4%
Nuffic	Gender rights Short course	20-May-13	19-May-18	67,600,000	MDF	67,600,000	70,887,660	613,858	70,701,518	104%
Share net	Research	10-Jan-14	31-Oct-17	9,507,872	Red orange Ltd.	9,507,872	8,369,626	737,657	9,107,283	88%
TDR International	MPH	15-Jun-15	14-Jun-19	57,831,508	WHO	57,831,508	65,234,142	3,017,711	68,251,853	113%
Breaking The Shame	Research	09-Jan-15	30-Aug-18	18,457,665	NWO- WOTRO	18,457,665	14,832,629	3,245,401	18,078,030	80%
Early child marriage	Research	29-Oct-15	19-Oct-18	27,400,740	EC	27,400,740	23,207,508	4,245,707	27,453,215	85%
Psychodrama	Research	03-Jun-16	03-Jun-18	18,412,615	NWO- WOTRO	18,412,615	14,463,436	4,763,529	19,226,965	79%
Digital Sister for Urban Health	Research	02-Jan-16	31-Jan-18	18,412,700	NWO- WOTRO	18,412,700	15,273,626	5,079,770	20,353,396	83%
The Gender and Adolescence Global Evid	Research	21-Jun-16	30-Nov-19	8,756,700	ODI	8,756,700	7,311,881	2,030,441	9,342,322	84%
DMP Phase - 2 (DFID)	Midwives Development	10-Jan-16	30-Sep-21	964,273,826	DFID	964,273,826	269,314,726	160,288,331	429,603,057	28%
DMP Phase - 2 (JGSPH)	Midwives Development	10-Jan-16	30-Sep-21	114,391,063	BRAC	114,391,063	16,336,048	13,730,068	30,066,116	14%
ENRICH	Research	09-Jan-16	31-Jul-20	7,599,525	World vision Canada	4,328,346	4,035,392	3,271,179	7,306,571	53%
Establishment of a Centre of Excellence	Research	11-Jan-16	31-Oct-19	13,864,066	Unicef	13,864,066	7,576,427	8,663,091	16,239,518	55%
Analytical Task in Support Capacity Development in NSR (WB)	Research	04-May-17	29-Mar-19	5,999,920	World Bank	5,999,920	3,345,301	4,292,092	7,637,393	56%
Entertainment Education Campaign on Child Marriage (Unicef)	Research	29-Mar-17	30-Nov-18	13,149,359	Unicef	13,149,359	6,884,852	1,236,331	8,121,183	52%
Zinc Research	Research	04-Jan-17	04-Jan-19	31,687,660	ETH Zurich	31,687,660	10,998,826	17,439,776	28,438,602	35%
BRAC University PHLD Training	Capacity building	09-Jul-16	09-Jun-18	15,559,520	BRAC UK	15,559,520	3,512,578	10,693,164	14,205,742	23%
Pause Study	Research	07-Jan-17	31-Jul-18	2,100,000	Loughborough University	2,100,000	1,445,377	98,751	1,544,128	69%
ACE	Research	08-Jan-17	31-Jul-19	15,090,750	SOAS	15,090,750	3,322,962	2,970,590	6,293,552	22%
mCare	Research	10-Jan-17	31-Jul-18	1,641,750.00	mPower	1,641,750.00	1,018,860	541,629	1,560,489	62%
Health Hygiene and Housing	Research	15-Nov-17	15-May-19	1,974,550.00	ARCHIVE Global	1,974,550.00	1,243,628	1,706,315	2,949,943	63%
Palative Care	Research	11-Jan-17	30-Apr-19	4,197,690	University of Glasgow	4,197,690	1,842,782	2,118,924	3,961,706	44%
SHASTO	Research	22-Feb-18	31-May-19	3,991,900.00	JAICA	3,991,900.00	2,541,208	425,272	2,966,480	64%
SRHR WHO	Research	20-May-18	30-Apr-19	7,186,057	WHO	7,186,057	24,413	2,967,080	2,991,493	0%
NNS FSNSP Phase 2	Research	04-Jan-18	31-May-19	20,000,000	IPHIN	20,000,000	445	12,275,013	12,275,458	0%
Polio	Research	04-Jan-18	31-Dec-18	3,370,692	The Johns Hopkins University	3,370,692	531,699	2,883,955	3,415,654	16%
Ethiopolix	Research	10-Jan-17	31-Dec-20	18,900,000	Heidelberg University	18,900,000	1,706,932	4,541,815	6,248,747	9%
Arise	Research	12-Jan-18	29-Jan-24	108734430	LSTM	-	-	4,857,829	4,857,829	0%
Bangladesh Health Watch Phase -2	Research	11-Jan-17	31-Dec-20	9,452,000	-	-	-	1,055	1,055	0%

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Name of Programs/Project	Nature of Programs /Project	Duration		Total Project Cost	Source of Fund	Total Cost incurred		Progress (Financial)					
		Starting	Comple- tion			Cumulative Previous year	Current year	Total	CPY % on TCP	CV % on TCP	Comments		
	Research	02-Jan-19	31-Jul-19	6,200,000	BIED	-	-	-	2,763,005	2,763,005	0%	45%	
	Research	01-Jan-19	30-Sep-20	11,648,718	CREA	-	-	-	1,097,968	1,097,968	0%	9%	
	Research	01-Jan-19	31-Mar-19	1,177,110	BRAC	-	-	-	961,387	961,387	0%	82%	
	Research	15-Nov-18	15-May-20	47,321,927	Embassy of Netherland	-	-	-	5,373,286	5,373,286	0%	11%	
	Research	15-Jan-19	14-Jun-22	94,525,000	EC	-	-	-	5,537,783	5,537,783	0%	6%	
	Research	16-Aug-18	31-Dec-18	2,204,550	BRAC	-	-	-	1,613,419	1,613,419	0%	73%	
	Research	27-Sep-18	31-Dec-18	1,372,516	WHO	-	-	-	1,282,884	1,282,884	0%	93%	
	Research	19-Mar-19	15-Jul-19	4,126,963	WHO	-	-	-	1,587,500	1,587,500	0%	38%	
	Research	09-Jan-18	31-Aug-19	5,158,400	BRAC	-	-	-	2,371,657	2,371,657	0%	46%	
	Research	01-Jan-19	31-Oct-19	4,251,313	Unicef	-	-	-	1,537,840	1,537,840	0%	36%	
	Research	07-Jan-18	30-Sep-19	8,222,250	GIZ	-	-	-	2,970,596	2,970,596	0%	36%	
	Research	15-Nov-18	15-May-20	43,873,094	Embassy of Netherland	-	-	-	14,877,934	14,877,934	0%	34%	
	Research	10-Jan-17	31-Dec-18	958,798	BRAC U	-	-	-	305,819	305,819	0%	32%	
	Research	06-Jan-19	31-Mar-21	8,271,199	South African Medical Research Council	-	-	-	330,895	330,895	0%	4%	
	Research	06-Jan-18	31-Mar-21	54,098,310	Imperial College of London	-	-	-	11,424,549	11,424,549	0%	21%	
	Research	06-Jan-18	31-Dec-20	2,200,000	RFSU	-	-	-	220,525	220,525	0%	10%	
	Research	01-Jan-19	31-Dec-20	36,830,882	BRAC	-	-	-	7,690,138	7,690,138	0%	21%	
	Research	01-Jan-18	31-Dec-18	3,655,719	Bandhu	-	-	-	2,475,986	2,475,986	0%	68%	
	Research	01-Jan-18	31-Dec-18	950,000	Share Net	-	-	-	915,238	915,238	0%	96%	
	Research	01-Jan-19	31-Dec-21	24,769,896	PASTEUR	-	-	-	2,729,008	2,729,008	0%	11%	
	Research	04-Jan-19	30-Sep-19	2,499,794	UNFPA	-	-	-	567,952	567,952	0%	23%	
	Research	04-Jan-19	31-Dec-19	5,840,674	UNFPA	-	-	-	165,029	165,029	0%	3%	
	Research	09-Jan-18	30-Apr-22	39,405,240	Imperial College of London	-	-	-	4,528,730	4,528,730	0%	11%	
	Research	18-Mar-19	17-Jun-19	2,235,717	WHO	-	-	-	1,308,769	1,308,769	0%	59%	
	Research	01-Jan-19	30-Sep-20	11,624,482	CREA	-	-	-	762,628	762,628	0%	7%	
	Research	01-Jan-19	31-Dec-19	3,557,400	Bandhu	-	-	-	414,245	414,245	0%	12%	
	Women and Rights of Access to Information in Bangladesh	28-Feb-19	30-Sep-19	5,466,380	The Carter Center , USA	4,469,016	1,998,837	133,170	2,132,007	2,132,007	37%	2%	
	Evidence -base research on tackling corruption in development countries	01-Sep-17	31-Dec-20	34,001,000	SOAS-University of London, UK	9,017,802	4,365,503	6,515,595	10,881,098	10,881,098	13%	19%	
	Accelerating progress on tobacco taxes in low- and middle - income countries	01-Jan-18	31-Dec-20	18,675,747	USA	15,760,598	8,941,725	7,888,058	16,829,783	16,829,783	48%	42%	
	Research, Policy and Good Governance in Bangladesh	01-Jan-18	31-Dec-21	157,700,000	Stiftung Auxilium, Switzerland	33,140,000	130,119	10,491,190	10,621,309	10,621,309	0%	7%	
	Citizen engagement on DIMAPPP	24-Jun-18	23-Jun-22	200,374,562	CPTU, IMED, MoP, GoB	24,161,119	15,794	27,256,136	27,271,930	27,271,930	0%	14%	
	Training for mid and higher level executives for knitwear subsector	11-Feb-18	31-Dec-20	136,791,260	SDCMU, SEIP, MoF, GoB	31,527,570	6,378,985	29,395,766	35,774,751	35,774,751	5%	21%	
	RED-GF	01-Jan-19	31-Dec-20	52,794,605	BRAC	12,886,298	-	10,289,953	10,289,953	10,289,953	0%	19%	
	Ultra Poor Graduation Programme and Microfinance Programme	01-Jan-19	31-Dec-19	90,091,146	BRAC	20,681,793	-	7,354,491	7,354,491	7,354,491	0%	8%	
	Research of BRAC Humanitarian Play Lab Model	01-Feb-19	31-Dec-19	10,538,178	BR AC-IFED	1,543,144	-	93,433	93,433	93,433	0%	1%	



Name of Programs/Project	Nature of Programs /Project	Duration		Total Project Cost	Source of Fund		Total Cost incurred			Progress (Financial)		
		Starting	Comple- tion		Organization	Amount	Cumulative Previous year	Current year	Total	CPY % on TCP	CY % on TCP	Comments
IGC-TPSIBP	IGC-TPSIBP	01-Mar-19	31-Aug-19	5,060,000	IGC, London, UK	-	-	1,446,317	1,446,317	0%	29%	
Cities Alliance	Partnership Facilitation and City Diagnostics to Support Equitable Economic Growth in two Secondary Cities in Bangladesh	21-Dec-16	31-Dec-18	21,872,448	UNOPS	23,010,938	11,036,234	6,324,864	17,361,098	50%	29%	
	Institutional capacity building for strengthening governance research, policy debate and outreach communication	01-Oct-14	31-Mar-19	73,080,000	IDRC	64,013,071	54,157,102	9,855,969	64,013,071	74%	13%	
Rana Plaza Disaster	Garment Supply Chain Governance Project	01-Jan-16	31-Dec-18	8,322,682	VOLKSWAGEN FOUNDATION	8,280,827	7,849,795	422,325	8,272,120	94%	5%	
GAGE	policy and legal landscape at the national level that affects the lives of adolescent girls	01-Jun-16	31-Dec-16	2,799,843	ODI	7,239,197	7,076,059	223,273	7,299,332	253%	8%	
GAGE-Urban	Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence urban	01-Jan-18	31-Dec-18	3,520,400	JPGSPH, BRAC University	3,336,940	710,178	367,909	1,078,087	20%	10%	
AADB	TA-8311 REG: Enhancing Gender Equality Results in South Asia Developing Member Countries	06-Sep-15	28-Feb-19	8,122,685	Asian Development Bank	4,361,676	4,361,676	-	4,361,676	54%	0%	
RED Integration process	Research	01-Jan-19	30-Jun-19	3,637,667	BRAC	3,637,667	-	2,922,257	2,922,257	0%	80%	
Total						2,150,759,428	898,811,804	600,707,402	1,499,519,206			



List of Acronyms

Abbreviation Elaboration

AAA	Arcasia Awards for Architecture
AABRACU	Alumni Association of BRAC University
AAF	Australian Award Fellowship
ACE	Anti-Corruption Evidence Programme
ACEID	Asian Conference on Education & International Development
ACHR	Asian Coalition for Housing Rights
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADP	Annual Development Programme
AECD	Atomic Energy Centre, Dhaka
AERE	Atomic Energy Research Establishment
AFIP	Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
AIA	American Institute of Architects
AOGS	Asia Oceania Geosciences Society
AoW	Academy of Work
APUF	Asia Pacific Urban Forum
ARCASIA	Architects Regional Council of Asia
Arch.KIDS	Architecture for Kids
ASM	American Society of Microbiology
ASW	Academic Skills Workshop
B.Sc.ECE	Bachelor of Science in Electronic and Communication Engineering
B.Sc.EEE	Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
BAS	Bangladesh Academy of Sciences
BASIS	Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services
BBS	BRAC Business School
BCC	Bangladesh Computer Council
BDITEC	Bangladesh IT Engineers Examination Council
BDOSN	Bangladesh Open Source Network
BEN	Bangladesh Environment Network
BEP	BRAC Education Program
BIED	BRAC Institute of Educational Development
BIGD	BRAC Institute of Governance and Development
BIL	BRAC Institute of Languages
BILS	Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies
biTS	BRAC IT Services Limited
BMS	Bangladesh Mathematical Society
BNH	Bangladesh National Herbarium
BoT	Board of Trustees
BPC	Business Plan Competition
BPS	Bangladesh Physical Society

BRAC-CDM	BRAC Centre for Development Management
BRACU	BRAC University

Abbreviation Elaboration

BTRC	Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission
BUAC	BRAC University Adventure Club
BUAP	Art and Photography Society
BUBEF	Business and Economics Forum
BUCC	BRAC University Computer Club
BUCHC	BRAC University Chess Club
BUCLC	BRAC University Communications and Language Club
BUCuC	BRAC University Cultural Club
BUDTF	BRAC University Drama and Theater Forum
BUEEF	BRAC University Earth and Environment Forum
BUET	Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
BUGMUN	BRAC University Global Model United Nations
BULS	BRAC University Law Society
BUMA	BRAC University Marketing Association
Abbreviation	Elaboration
BUNSC	BRAC University Natural Sciences Club
C3ER	Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Research
CAN	Community Architects Network
CDKN	Climate and Development Knowledge Network
CED	Centre for Entrepreneurship Development
CETL	Centre of Excellence in Teaching and Learning
CfPW	Center for Psychosocial Wellbeing
CGST	The Centre for Gender and Social Transformation
CHET	Certificate in Higher Education Teaching
CIPS	Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply
CARC	Control & Applications Research Centre
CoP	Community of Practice
CPTU	Central Procurement Technical Unit
CRP	Centre of Rehabilitation for the Paralyzed
CSE	Computer Science and Engineering
CV	Curriculum Vitae
DALA	Developing Aspiration and Livelihood for Adolescents
DLI	Deep Learning Institute
DMCC	Disaster Management and Climate Change
DoE	Department of Environment
DRFM-B	Digital RMG Factory Mapping in Bangladesh
DSCSC	Defence Services Command and Staff College

EATL	Ethics Advanced Technology Limited
ECD	Early Childhood Development
EEE	Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
EG	Economic Growth
Abbreviation	Elaboration
EMG	Environmental Management and Governance
EMMAAsia	Erasmus Mundus Mobility with Asia
ESID	Effective States and Inclusive Development
ESS	Department of Economics & Social Sciences
FCBU	Football Club BRAC University
FES	Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
FYAT	First Year Advising Team
GAGE	Gender and Adolescence: Global Evidence
GDLN	Global Development Learning Network
GoB	Government of Bangladesh
GP	Governance and Politics
GPMS	Government Performance Management System
GS	Gender Studies
HEQEP	Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project
HRD	Human Resources Department
IABC	International Association of Business Communicators
IAP	Inter Academy Partnership
ICAEE	International Conference on Advances in Electrical Engineering
icddr,b	International Center for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh
ICLEI	International Conference on Language, Education and Innovation
ICTD	Information and Communication Technology Division
ICTL	International Conference on Teaching and Learning
IDCOL	Infrastructure Development Company Limited
IDRC	International Development Research Center
IDS	Institute of Development Studies
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering
IEER	Institutional Enabling Environment Report
IFRB	Institute of Food and Radiation Biology
IGC	International Growth Centre
IIEGRA	Innovation for Improving Early Grade Reading Activity
INSPIRE	International Strategic Partnership in Research and Education
INTACT	It's Time for Collaboration TowArds Close CooperaTion
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IQAC	Institutional Quality Assurance Cell
ISHTEC	International Symposium on Heat Transfer and Energy Conservation
ISI	Indian Statistical Institute

ITEE	Information Technology Engineers Examination
ITPEC	Information Technology Professionals Examination Council
IUB	Independent University, Bangladesh
JAXA	Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
Abbreviation	Elaboration
Kyutech	Kyushu Institute of Technology
LAR	Local Assessment Report
LSE	London School of Economics
M.Engg.EEE	Master of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
M.Sc.EEE	Master of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
MAGD	MA in Governance and Development
MDMP	Masters in Development Management and Practice
MDS	Master of Development Studies
MEd	Master of Education
MGA	Member and Geographic Activities
MNC	Multinational Corporations
MoPTIT	Ministry of Posts, Telecommunication and Information Technology
MOST	Ministry of Science and Technology
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPSM	Masters in Procurement and Supply Management
MSc	Master of Science
NACOM	Nature Conservation Management
NAED	Noman Award for Excellence in Design
NASA	The National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NCC	Narayanganj City Corporation
NCTB	National Curriculum and Textbook Board
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NIB	National Institute of Biotechnology
NOAMI	National Oceanographic And Maritime Institute
NUMO	National Undergraduate Mathematics Olympiad
NUS	National University of Singapore
OCA	Office of Co-curricular Activities
OCSAR	Office of Career Services and Alumni Relations
OSA	Office of Student Affairs
OSM	Open Street Map
PASS	Probation Advising and Student Support
PDC	Professional Development Centre
PDF	Physically-challenged Development Foundation
PFMR	Participatory Factory Mapping Research
PGD	Post-Graduate Diploma
POCAA	Platform of Community Action and Architecture
PPRC	Power and Participation Research Center

PSDP	Professional Skills Development Program
PPSC	Public-Private Stakeholders Committee
PT	Peer Tutor
PTC&B	Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology
QA	Quality Assurance
QAC	Quality Assurance Committee
QAU	Quality Assurance Unit
RATB	Rafiq Azam Travel Bursary
Abbreviation	Elaboration
RED	Research and Evaluation Division
RGKF	REX Karmaveer Global Fellowship
SABP	South Asia Biosafety Program
SA	Self-Assessment
SAC	Self-Assessment Committee
SAR	South Asian Region
SCC	Sylhet City Corporation
SCM	Stop Child Marriage
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SECS	School of Engineering and Computer Science
SEIP	Skills for Employment Investment Programme
SoC	State of Cities
SoG	State of Governance

SRHRG	Sexual, Reproductive Rights and Health & Gender
SSCOPE	Schooling, SRHR, Gender & Counseling for Adolescents of Post- Primary Education
STI	Science, Technology and Innovation
Abbreviation	Elaboration
SUN	Scaling Up Nutrition
TLC	Teaching and Learning Centre
ToT	Training of Trainers
TRI	Time Reverse Imaging
UCCE	Urban, Climate Change and Environment Cluster
UGC	University Grants Commission of Bangladesh
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNISDR	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Services
USQ	University of Southern Queensland
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WC	Writing Centre
WWM	Workplace Wellbeing Management
YLD	Young Leader's Dialogue

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