

## **Vacancy Announcement**

**Position: Research Assistant**

**Vacant Position: 6**

**Duration of Job: 6 months**

The BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health (JPGSPH) at BRAC University was established in 2004 as an educational and research institution focusing on the integral areas of teaching, research, and services. The goal of the school is not only to impart knowledge but also to act as a center of excellence in knowledge creation through research and training that connects with practice.

Centre for non-communicable diseases and nutrition, BRAC James P Grant School of Public Health, BRAC University, in collaboration with Griffith University, QLD, Australia, are implementing an efficacy trial study titled “Efficacy of Zinc Biofortified rice for preventing Zinc Deficiency in Bangladesh: A Randomized Controlled Trial”. The main objective of this study is to assess the efficacy of a specific variety of zinc biofortified rice in improving zinc status among young non-pregnant non-lactating women in rural Bangladesh. To implement this study, BRAC JPGSPH will recruit Research Assistant to collect data during intervention period, as well as baseline and endline surveys. The Research Assistants will also be responsible for distribution of specific variety of raw rice to the participants. Prior to beginning of the study, the Research Assistants will be involved in collection of dietary intake data for a validation study of a semi-quantitative food frequency questionnaire (SQ-FFQ) in the same setting. Details are stated below:

### **Key responsibilities:**

The main responsibilities are as follows:

- Collecting dietary data using SQ-FFQ and 24-hour dietary recall methods during the validation study
- Conducting household listing in the study area to identify potential study participants and perform screening to assess their eligibility
- Explaining the study procedure to the eligible participants and enrolling them after obtaining informed written consent
- Collection of data during baseline and endline surveys
- Distribution of rice to the participants’ home as per schedule and collection of compliance data
- Periodical data collection on morbidity and micronutrient supplementation among study participants throughout the intervention duration
- Reporting to the supervisors regularly about the field activities.

### **Qualification:**

- Bachelor’s degree in any discipline with good academic records
- Minimum 1 year of experience in data collection for research activities
- Experiences with anthropometric measurements as well as dietary intake data collection are considered as additional qualifications.
- Experience in tablet-based data collection
- Good communication skills both in Bengali and English
- Willing to stay and work in the study site

**Workstation:** Birganj, Dinajpur, Bangladesh.

**Salary:** 30,000/- per month including housing allowance. A fixed amount will be provided to cover local travel costs. Commensurate with experience. Interested candidates are advised to send an application with a complete CV to: [cncdn@bracu.ac.bd](mailto:cncdn@bracu.ac.bd) by **5<sup>th</sup> August 2024**. Please mention **Research Assistant** in the subject line of your email.

Only shortlisted candidates shall be invited for the interview. All tests & interviews will be held in Dhaka.

We are an equal opportunity employer and encourage applications from qualified women and minority candidates.

The Organization reserves the right to make an appointment at a grade lower than advertised.

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