

**Field:** Development, Health  
**Name:** BRAC  
**Location:** Dhaka, Bangladesh  
**Names of Positions:** Social Innovation Lab Intern  
BRAC Health Programme Intern

**Brief Description of Organization:**

In 1972, BRAC began its work in Bangladesh by providing relief after a war for independence. Its vision is a world free from all forms of exploitation and discrimination where everyone has the opportunity to realize their potential. Over the years, the organization has evolved and grown, guided by the principles of innovation, integrity, inclusiveness, and effectiveness. BRAC is a development organization dedicated to the alleviation of poverty by empowering the poor to bring about positive change in their own lives. BRAC's approach encompasses services in areas of education, health care, social and economic empowerment, finance and enterprise development, human rights and legal aid, agriculture and food security, as well as environmental sustainability and disaster preparedness. BRAC organizes the poor, especially women, and provide platforms for them to come together, access services, exchange information, analyze and raise awareness on economic, social, legal, gender and other issues concerning their daily lives and their communities. Its social enterprises integrated with the various development programs form crucial linkages that increase the productivity of its members' assets and labor and generate surplus for the organization, allowing both those BRAC supports and BRAC to be increasingly self-reliant.

**Information specific to each internship:**

**Social Innovation Lab Intern**

The newly launched Social Innovation Lab seeks to institutionalize innovation at BRAC and create an accessible space for all where ideas are shared, generated and nurtured. It supports programs in identifying existing innovations, running pilot programs, and facilitating dissemination of experiences, as well as seeking new partners with promising solutions to work with BRAC in tackling complex issues. Through its activities, the Social Innovation Lab builds program capacity for managing internal innovation and fosters cross-program and organizational-wide dialog and support for new ideas on how to advance BRAC's mission.

**Qualifications**

Strong candidates will have strong writing and research skills. Background in development, health, economics, and social science is helpful but not required.

**Primary Responsibilities**

1. Identifying and exploring strategic partnerships (in Bangladesh and abroad)
2. Researching new technologies and evaluating their relevance to BRAC's work
3. Implementing improvements in internal knowledge management and process documentation
4. Helping BRAC evaluate a range of opportunities and provide valuable intelligence to inform decision making. Products that they will develop during their internship include short memos, blog posts, PowerPoint presentations, and short case studies.

Intern will have an opportunity to learn about several of BRAC's programs and observe how a large organization makes strategic decisions. They will have broad exposure to BRAC staff, attend forums and learning opportunities, and participate in team activities with the Social Innovation Lab and Communications Department, when appropriate. Some field visits may be possible.

### **BRAC Health Programme Intern**

BRAC's malaria programme began in 2005. Since that time, it has grown substantially and programme data indicates that malaria diagnosis/treatment has grown substantially and malaria incidences/deaths have fallen. As a result, the team is evaluating the possibility to translate this model to the area where BRAC works in Africa. In order to do this effectively, substantial background research and documentation of the current program is required.

#### **Qualifications**

A strong candidate should have strong writing and research skills (both quantitative and qualitative) and some knowledge of global health. Some field work is anticipated.

#### **Primary Responsibilities**

An intern would participate substantively in developing a package to evaluate the feasibility of the model to the African contexts, with specific activities including:

1. Review of scientific literature on malaria programs in countries where BRAC operates
2. Analysis of programme data
3. Operational documentation of program, historical and current
4. Presentation of findings and analysis to senior leaders of the health programme

#### **Schedule:**

Preferred start date is first week of June and work for as long as possible (8 weeks or more).

#### **Stipend / Assistance:**

BRAC is unable to offer support to its interns. We can provide suggestions for economical accommodations. Students will also be welcome to eat in the staff canteen, which provides subsidized meals.

#### **Additional Information:**

BRAC has several translators on staff that can be made available if necessary. Interns will usually travel with full-time staff who can help with translations as well.

#### **Apply through:**

##### **For the Social Innovation Lab Intern:**

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