

**INFORMATION ON
SAARC CHAIRS, FELLOWSHIPS AND
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME**

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION OF BANGLADESH
DHAKA**

Preface

At the SAARC Summit 1989, the Heads of the States and Governments decided to establish a program for exchange of scholars through institution of SAARC Scholarships, Fellowships and Chairs to promote increasing cross fertilization of ideas through greater interaction among academics, scholars and students in the SAARC countries.

In obedience to this decision, Senior Officials from the SAARC countries in a meeting held in February 1987, recommended that the Chairs, Fellowships and Scholarships should be instituted in each member country for organizing teaching, research and seminars. It was further recommended that each Member would prepare a brochure according to standard format with a view to provide relevant information to the applicants for facilitating preliminary selection of scholars at the receiving end.

In pursuance of the said recommendations a “Brochure for SAARC Chairs, Fellowships and Scholarships Scheme” had been published by the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh. This brochure included relevant information on relevant faculties & departments where Chairs, Fellowships and Scholarships are being offered and obtainable from the universities of Bangladesh in 1989.

As the scheme did not work well since its inception in 1987, a workshop on operation and related issues of the scheme held at Katmandu on 22-23 October 2002 for revising modalities on conceptual framework, organizational management and coordination and financing of the scheme. The recommendations were then again reviewed by the second meeting of Technical committee on human Resources Development held in Colombo on 7-8 November 2002.

In the First Meeting of the Heads of University Grants Commissions or Equivalent Bodies, held on 11-12 October 2003 in Dhaka, the scheme was revised according to the recommendations of TC HRD, which have been reflected in this new brochure.

It is hoped that the brochure will be helpful to the scholars who intend to avail the opportunities for research under the scheme. For further improvement and modifications suggestions and advice are welcome from all concerned, as the aim of the brochure is to make it meaningful and informative.

Objectives

The objectives of the SAARC Chair, Fellowship and Scholarship are :

- (i) To promote regional unity, solidarity, peace and a common understanding amongst people of the region through exchange and sharing of knowledge, skills and technology.

- (ii) To contribute to the field of human resource development needs of the member states by meeting the needs of social and economic growth through enhancement and exchange of skills and knowledge which are existing within the region.
- (iii) To inspire and enable scholars to further their capabilities to achieve personal fulfillment and to contribute to the benefit of the SAARC region through the generation and application of new knowledge.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR SAARC CHAIR, FELLOWSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS TENABLE IN BANGLADESH

1. SAARC Chair:

A SAARC Chair will be instituted in the universities of Bangladesh for a reputed university teacher of SAARC countries other than Bangladesh. The holder of the Chair will help the host institution in organizing academic pursuits like teaching, research and seminars etc.

The position is intended to allow the individual to make significant strides in his/her field of research and thereby contributing to his/her career progression. For the scholars this will represent an opportunity to enhance their knowledge and reputation. For the institution and the host country, there will be direct benefits in terms of teaching, supervision and publication, and interaction with local research students, consultants and others.

- (i) **Duration :**
The Chair will be for a period of 6 (six) months
- (ii) **Eligibility :**
Should have outstanding proven scholarship and reputation and should be a full time professor or equivalent in the university or research institutes having not less than fifteen years professional experience.
- (iii) **Age limits :**
Preference will be given to the middle aged scholars. Persons above 65 years will not be considered.
- (iv) **Facilities:**
 - (a) Maintenance allowance shall not be below the scale enjoyed by the host country at same level. Rather, the allowance shall be (i) 20 percent above the scale in host country or (ii) scholar's own institute, then whichever is higher.
 - (b) A grant of Taka 5,000.00 for books and stationery.
 - (c) A grant for expenses of internal travel within Bangladesh up to Taka 10,000.00
 - (d) House rent of Taka 20,000.00 per month.
- (v) **Other conditions :**
 - (a) The scholar will normally be expected to reside in Bangladesh during the period of tenure.
 - (b) Air ticket should be provided by the sending Government.
 - (c) Final selection and placement in university will be made by the UGC of Bangladesh.

II. SAARC Fellowships:

4 (Four) fellowships will be awarded from the SAARC countries other than Bangladesh. Fellowships will be provided for research in the universities of Bangladesh.

Fellows will be mainly engaged in research works, but will also be expected to maintain a reasonable teaching load. The position of Fellow is intended to provide the individual both with university-level teaching experience, and with the opportunity to develop their research and publication portfolio. The host institutions will be benefited directly from teaching and research undertaken-whether this is self-directed or undertaken as a research assistant to a senior academic.

(i) **Duration :**

The fellowship will be for a period of 6(six) months.

(ii) **Eligibility :**

A candidate should hold a doctoral degree (or other acceptable postgraduate qualification). He/she should have standard research publications to his/her credit and should have evidence of independent research works and sufficient teaching experience. He/she should have at least three years experience as a staff member of a university or similar institution in his own country.

(iii) **Age limits :**

The candidate should preferably be middle aged, persons beyond 65 years of age will not be considered.

(iv) **Facilities:**

- (a) Maintenance allowance should be at par with the salary and allowances of Reader/Associate Professor in the scholar's own university or host university, whichever is higher.
- (b) A grant of Taka 4,000.00 for books and stationery.
- (c) A grant for internal travel within Bangladesh Taka 8,000.00.
- (d) House rent of Taka 15,000.00 month.

(v) **Other conditions:**

- (a) The fellow will be full-time research worker in the field selected by him/her and approved by the host institution.
- (b) The fellow shall not accept any appointments paid or unpaid or otherwise receive any emoluments, salary, stipend etc. from any other source during the fellowship period.
- (c) Air ticket should be provided by the sending Government/Institute.
- (d) Final selection and placement in university will be made by the UGC of Bangladesh.

III. SAARC Scholarships:

Total **10 (Ten)** Scholarships will be awarded for graduate and doctoral research work in the universities of Bangladesh.

The individual will have the opportunity to study for a higher degree in a specialized area in an institution with a high reputation in his or her particular field of interest. There are two direct benefits to the institution or host country, firstly, the supervisor under whom the student is doing his Ph. D. program, will benefit from assistance in research and publication, secondly, the institution will have a high-quality student who is likely to succeed in his/her studies, enhancing the academic reputation of the institution offering the program.

(i) **Duration :**

The scholarships may be for the normal tenure of the course for which the scholarship is awarded.

(ii) **Eligibility:**

A scholar preferably with a first class or high second class Bachelor's/Master's degree, intending to pursue higher studies leading to a Master's/Ph. D. degree. For member countries, which do not have facilities at undergraduate level, a candidate with first division in higher secondary level or equivalent will be eligible for a course at undergraduate level.

(iii) **Age limits :**

Candidate should preferably be below 25 years of age.

(iv) **Facilities :**

(a) Maintenance allowance of Taka 15,000.00 per month.

(b) A grant of Taka 3,000.00 for books and stationery.

(c) A grant for internal travel within Bangladesh up to Taka 2,500.00 per year

(d) House rent Taka 4,000.00 per month.

(v) **Other conditions :**

(a) The scholar will be a full-time student and research worker under an approved guide on a subject selected by him and approved by the host institution.

(b) The scholar shall not accept any appointment, elsewhere paid or unpaid.

(c) The scholar shall present, through his supervisor, half-yearly report on the progress of work.

(d) Air ticket should be provided by the sending Government.

(e) Final selection and placement in university will be made decided by the UGC of Bangladesh.

15. Application for (please tick one) : Chair/Fellowship/Scholarship
16. Educational qualifications :
(Please attach copies of certificates)

Certificate/ Degree	Country	University/ Board	Year	Grade
School (Grade X)				
Undergraduate (Grade XII)				
Post Graduate				
Doctoral				

17. List of publication :
(Please attach separate sheet if required)
18. Two References not related to the applicant :
- (a) Name.....
Status.....
Address.....
- (b) Name.....
Status.....
Address.....
19. A brief outline of proposed plan of work (use separate sheet)
20. Preference of universities/institutes in which he/she is willing to work. Mention 3 names according to priority. This can be mentioned here that the UGC may not be able to give placement to the desired institutes.
21. Any general remarks, which you would like to offer (attach a sheet if necessary)

It is certified that the particulars given above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Place

Approval of selection by the Vice-chancellor/Head of the Institution

Seal & signature

Endorsement by the Ministry of Foreign/External Affairs of the country to which the applicant belongs

Seal & signature