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SAARC Chair, Fellowships and Scholarships tenable in Bangladesh

A letter received from the Ministry of External Affairs concerning the above is attached. Please bring it to the notice of relevant staff.

You are kindly requested to submit one nomination, each in respect of SAARC Chair, Fellowships and Scholarships as per the instructions given, to reach the UGC on or before 6<sup>th</sup> November 2013, to be forwarded to the Director General of the Department of External Resources of the Ministry of Finance and Planning through the Secretary of the Ministry of Higher Education.

Professor Ranjith Senaratne

Vice Chairman

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# University Grants Commission of Bangladesh

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No. UGC/SF/6.68/SAARC-Bangladesh/2008/9932

Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Segun Bagicha, Dhaka.

Date: 09\40/2013

Subject: Offer for SAARC Chair, Fellowship & Scholarship tenable in Bangladesh

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh is pleased to invite applications for 01 (One) SAARC Chair, 03 (Three) SAARC Fellowships and 08 (Eight) SAARC Scholarships, from SAARC countries under the SAARC Chair, Fellowships and Scholarships Scheme, tenable in Bangladesh. We would like to ask for 01 (One) application from each country for the SAARC Chair, 02 (two) applications from each country for the SAARC Fellowships and 03 (three) applications from each country for the SAARC Scholarships. Terms and Conditions and General Guidelines for the scheme are attached herewith. Interested candidates are requested to apply in prescribed form attached herewith. All applications should reach the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh by 31 December, 2013. Each applicant will have to submit 2 (two) sets of the application.

University Grants Commission of Bangladesh will make the final selection and arrange placement of the selected scholars in appropriate universities.

We would be glad if you kindly forward this information to the SAARC Sccretariat as early as possible.

Thanking you,

(Dr. Sultan Mahmud Bhuiyan) Additional Director (ICC)

Date: 09/10/2013

No. UGC/SF/6.68/SAARC-Bangladesh/2008/9932

#### Copy for information and neccessary action to:

- 1. Secretary, Ministry of Education, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.
- 2. Chairman, University Grants Commission, Bahadur Shah Zafor Marg, New Delhi-110002, India.
- 3. Chairman, University Grants Commission, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- 4. Chairman, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Sector H-9, Islamabad, Pakistan.
- 5. Chairman, University Grants Commission, 20, World Palace, Clombo 07, Sri Lanka.
- 6. Vice-Chancellor, Royal University of Bhutan, Sinitokha, Thimphu, Bhutan.
- 7. Director General, Department of Higher Education, Maldives.
- 8. Senior Advisor, Ministry of Higher Education, Afganistan.
- 9. Director, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), P.O. Box No. 4222, Tridevi Marg., Kathmandu, Nepal.

(Akram Ali Khan) Sr. Assistant Secretary (ICC)

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# 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 form 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 if 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.

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- (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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# University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

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

## SAARC Chair

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

The position is intended to allow the individual to make significant strides in his/her field of research and thereby contribute to his/her career. 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 be a full time Professor in a university or holder of an equivalent post in a research institutes with not less than fifteen years professional experience, and should possess proven outstanding scholarship and reputation.

#### (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 the host country or (ii) scholar's own institute, whichever is higher.
- (b) A grant of Taka 5,000.00 for books and stationery.
- (c) A grant for expenses of 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 reside in Bangladesh during the tenure of the Chair.
- (b) Air ticket shall be provided by the sending Government.
- (c) Final selection and placement in a 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 mainly be engaged in research works, but are also expected to accept a reasonable teaching load. The position of Fellow is intended to provide the scholar the opportunity to acquire tertiary level teaching experience and improve his research and publication portfolio. The host institutions will be benefited by the teaching services of the Fellow as well as by his / her research activities, which may be carried out independently or in collaboration with it senior academicians.

#### (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 possess proven 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/her 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 of taka 8,000.00 for internal travel within Bangladesh.
- (d) House rent of Taka 15,000.00 month.

#### (v) Other conditions:

- (a) The fellow will be a full-time research worker in the field selected by him/her and approved by the host institution.
- (b) The fellow shall not accept any appointment, 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:

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

The scholar 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 will work, will benefit from assistance in research and publication, secondly, the institution will have a high-quality student who is likely to excel 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 it 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 will be eligible. For member countries, which do not have facilities for tertiary level studies, a candidate with first division in higher secondary level or equivalent will be eligible for a bachelor's degree program.

## (iii) Age limits:

Candidate should preferably be below 35 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
- (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 supervisor 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 a university will be made by the UGC of Bangladesh.