APPLICATION GUIDE
ACUMEN FELLOWSHIP IN BANGLADESH
WELCOME

We're excited that you'll be applying to the Acumen Fellowship Program in Bangladesh!

We want to help you learn more about the program, what to expect from the application process, and how you can be a successful applicant.
THE FELLOWSHIP

The Acumen Fellowship starts with a year-long transformational experience focused on building the character and community needed to tackle long standing problems of poverty and injustice. After the completion of the program, you join our community of Fellows from across the globe, a group of more than 700 remarkable individuals committed to a lifelong journey of mastering the principles and practices of moral leadership and social action.
WHO BECOMES A FELLOW AND WHAT QUALIFIES THEM?
QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

Are building solutions based on a deep understanding of the issues they are tackling.
QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

Are finding ways to change and positively impact the system they are working in.
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Are influencing change in their current work, formally or informally.
QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

Are ready to undergo an intensive, year-long personal and professional leadership journey.
FELLOWS TYPICALLY FALL IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES
SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR

Founder of a for-profit or non-profit organization that provides critical goods or services to the underserved

Azwa Nayeem
Founder and Chairperson
Alokito Hridoy
2020 Fellow
ORGANISATION BUILDER

Supporting the growth of institutions from within

(eg. Country Director, CEO, COO)

Md. Asad-Ur-Rahman Nile
Country Director, Bangladesh
Simprints Technology Ltd.
2020 Fellow
INTRAPRENEUR
Creating solutions from within existing institutions
(eg. Team lead, Head of Dept)

Sohara Mehroze Shachi
Team Lead
UNDP Research Facility
2020 Fellow
PUBLIC SECTOR LEADER

Working to enhance public services and/or working in government to create policy changes

(eg. UNO, police officer, educator)

G M Rakibul Islam
Assistant Professor
Noakhali Science and Technology University
2020 Fellow
COMMUNITY ORGANISER

Mobilising communities and calling attention to unseen, unheard or marginalised groups or causes

(eg. activists, journalists, storytellers, performers, artists)

Muktasree Chakma
Founder and Executive Director
Supporting People and Rebuilding Communities (SPaRC)
2020 Fellow
IN SHORT
WE ARE LOOKING FOR DEDICATED LEADERS WITH AN ENTREPRENEURIAL ATTITUDE, MINDSET, AND APPROACH TOWARDS BRIDGING OUR DIVIDES AND TACKLING ISSUES OF POVERTY OR INJUSTICE IN BANGLADESH
THE SELECTION PROCESS
& KEY DATES
THE FELLOWS SELECTION PROCESS

STAGE 1
ONLINE FORM
What are you telling us?
Until 8 Aug

STAGE 2
PRACTICAL ASSIGNMENTS
What are you showing us?
September

STAGE 3
SELECTION CONFERENCE
Why is this the right time for you to be a Fellow?
November
THE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

RESIDENTIAL
6 DAYS
FULL-TIME
8-10 HOURS
PER WEEK

VIRTUAL
4 WEEKS
FULL-TIME
8-10 HOURS
PER WEEK

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The application is our first glimpse into who you are: the values, attitudes, and experiences that have made you the person you are today. Be authentic and bring your whole self to the application.
2 DO YOUR HOMEWORK
Learn as much as you can about the program before applying. Review our website, reach out to Fellows, attend an information session, or take an Acumen Academy course online.
3 SAVE AN OFFLINE COPY
Read through the entire application form first. Enter and save your profile information, then spend time offline composing your responses to the questions. When you are ready to submit, copy and paste your responses into the online form.
Apply early
Start well in advance to avoid any last-minute technical difficulties or connectivity problems. We do not accept applications after the deadline.
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READ THE FAQ
Take time to carefully read through the frequently asked questions.
WHAT DO THE FELLOWS SAY?
THE ACUMEN FELLOWSHIP IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO TEMPORARILY DISSOCIATE FROM ALL THE CHAOS AND DEEPLY INTROSPECT ON OUR PERSONAL JOURNEYS. I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND IT TO THOSE WHO ARE AT CROSSROADS IN THEIR LIVES AND ARE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN AN INTENSE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE TO SEEK CLARITY AND PURPOSE, WITH THE CAMARADERIE OF AN INCREDIBLE COHORT

SOHARA MEHROZE SHACHI, BANGLADESH FELLOW
I learned to dive deeper in self reflection, to take a step back, not necessarily because I am overwhelmed but to open my eyes to other possible solutions that I can embrace for the people that I work with. Acumen Fellowship taught me to be aware but remain calm at the same time.

MUKTASREE CHAKMA
BANGLADESH FELLOW
I HAVE NEVER HAD SUCH AN IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE. THE TIME I SPENT REFLECTING ON MYSELF, MY LIFE AND MY JOURNEY HAS HELPED ME TO CONNECT STRONGLY WITH MY INNER SELF AND EXPLORE HOW I CAN DO MORE GOOD FOR THE WORLD. THE FELLOWSHIP I DEVELOPED IS A BONUS ON TOP OF EVERYTHING I HAVE LEARNED AND MOST CHERISHED ONE. ACUMEN FELLOWSHIP HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

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BANGLADESH FELLOW
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

HTTPS://ACUMENACADEMY.ORG/FELLOWSHIP/BANGLADESH