



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.



## QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

Are influencing change in their current work,  
formally or informally.

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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





# **APPLICATION ADVICE**







# 1

## **MAKE IT PERSONAL**

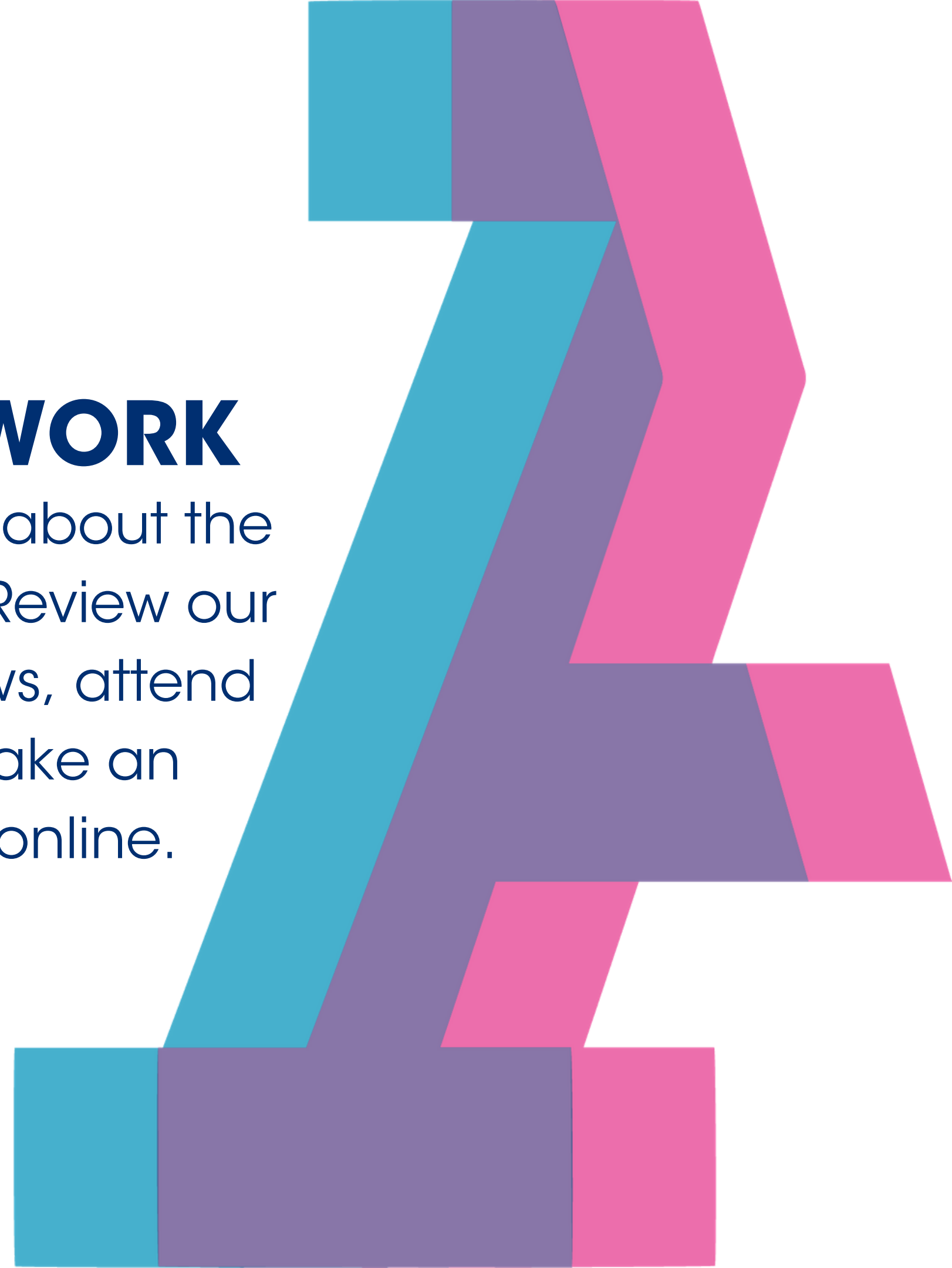
The application is our first glimpse into who you are: the values, attitudes, and experiences that have made you the person you are today. Be authentic and bring your whole self to the application.



# 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.

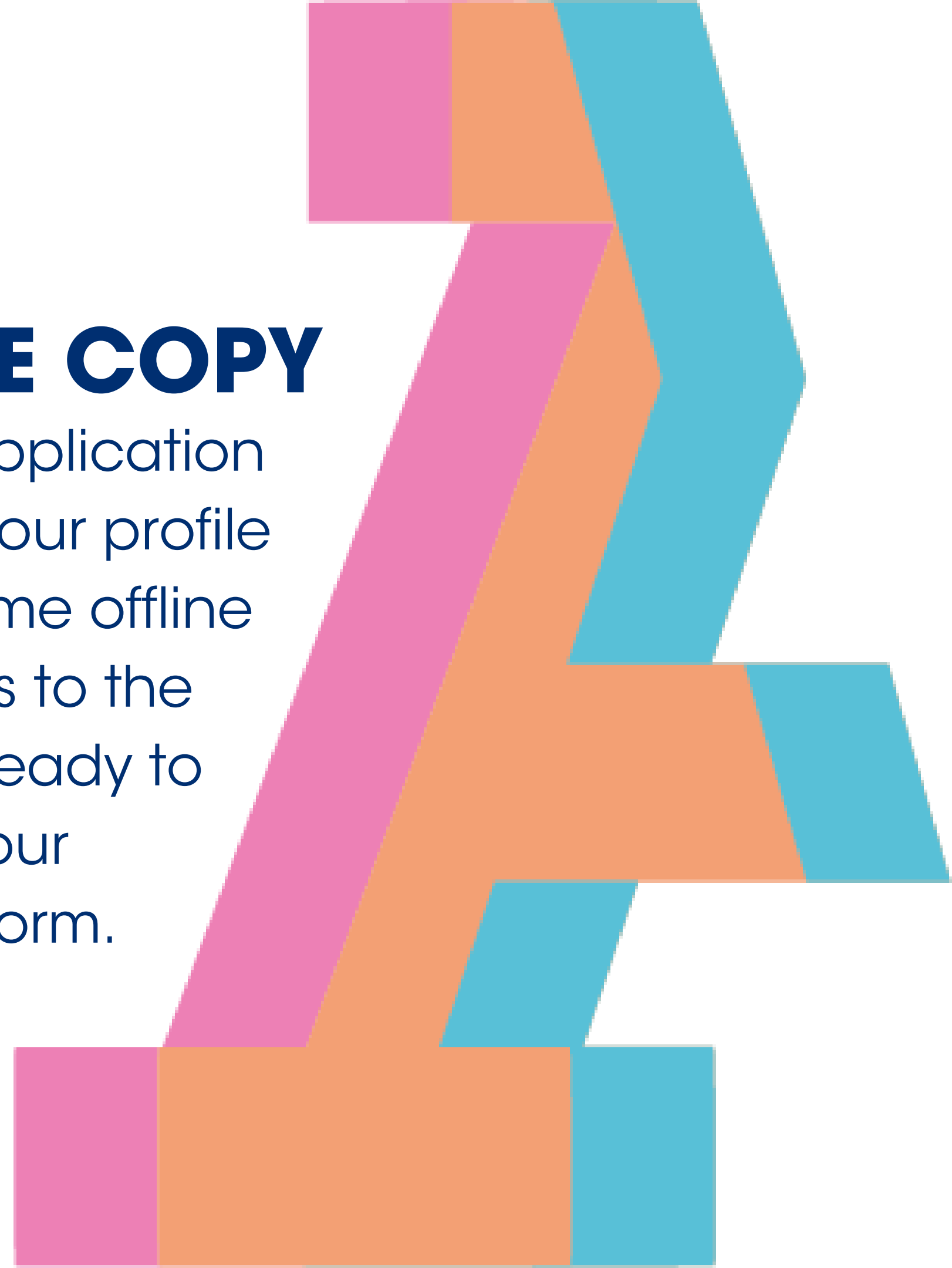




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## **SAVE AN OFFLINE COPY**

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.

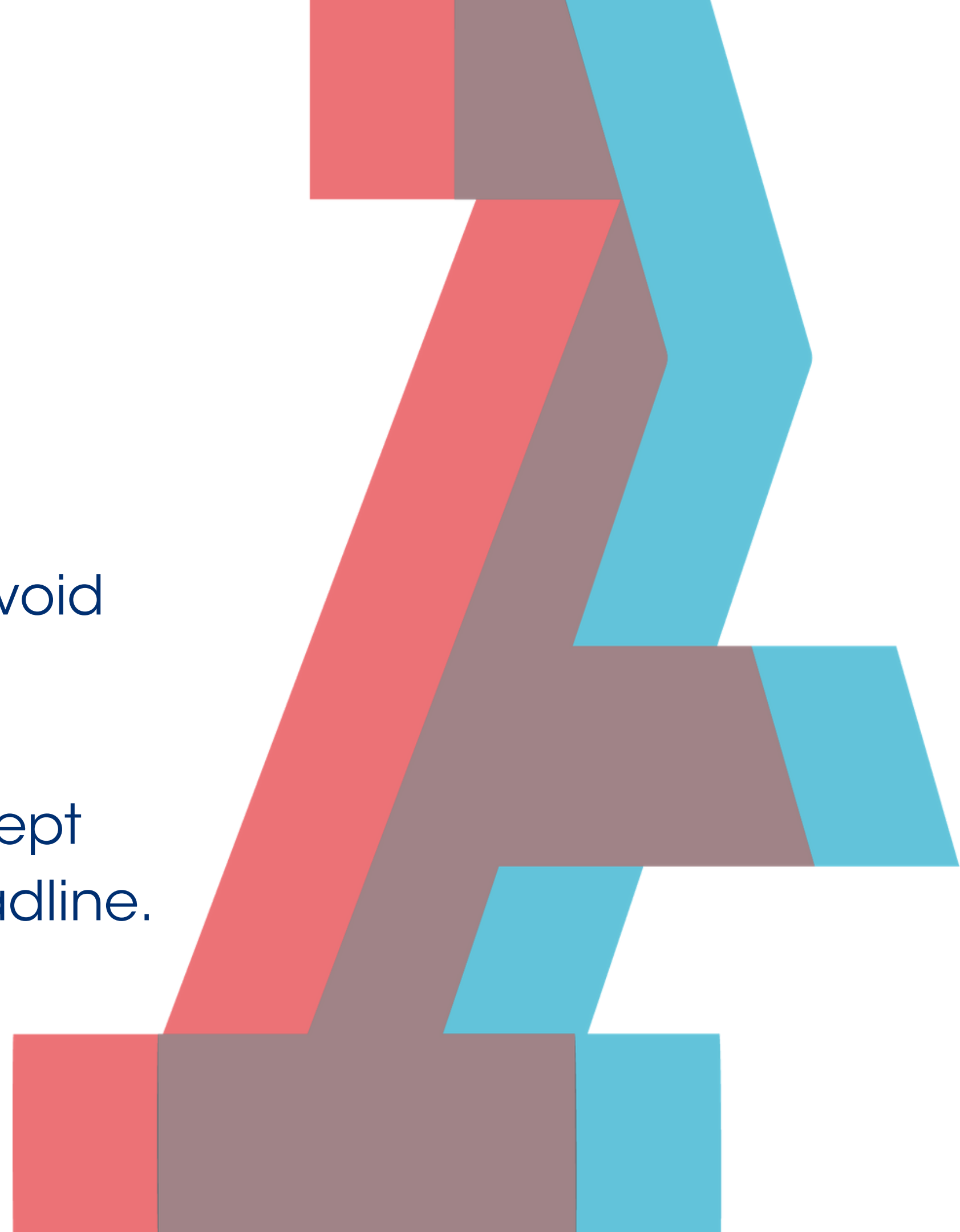




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## **APPLY EARLY**

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?**





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**SOHARA MEHROZE SHACHI,  
BANGLADESH FELLOW**



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**MUKTASREE CHAKMA**  
**BANGLADESH FELLOW**



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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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**MD. ASAD UR RAHMAN NILE**  
**BANGLADESH FELLOW**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT**

[HTTPS://ACUMENACADEMY.ORG/FELLOWSHIP/BANGLADESH](https://acumenacademy.org/fellowship/bangladesh)

