

EoT Fellowship for University Students and Young Experts (2019-20)

About EoT

The Economy of Tomorrow (EoT) is designed to provide Fellowships to young and motivated Bangladeshi Students and Experts in order to conduct research and to write a policy paper outlining concrete policy reforms for Economic Growth in a socially just, gender equal, resilient and sustainable society.

Priority Areas under this theme may include, but are not limited to:

1. Automation in industries vs employment: Digital inclusive policies and creation of new jobs for women.
2. Digital inclusiveness for promoting women's employment in service and manufacturing industries.
3. Digitalizing the RMG sector affecting the stereotypical roles of female workers: Preparedness and adaptability for female workers.
4. Technological changes in the agriculture sector impacting women
5. Emerging information and communication technology (and business processing outsourcing) sector and its role in the future of work for women.

Eligibility of the Candidates

- Three categories of applicants are eligible for the Fellowship: a) Students who already passed in Bachelor b) Students who already passed in Masters c) Early career researchers/teachers (up to three years)
- Maximum age limit of the applicants is 30.
- Students especially from the departments of Economics, Politics, International Relations, Public Administration, Geography, Development Studies, Gender Studies from both Public and Private Universities in Bangladesh.
- The students must be in Bangladesh during their Fellowship
- Applications along with concept note/short proposal submitted by an individual or a group of individuals will be accepted for further review. Both the individual and group are encouraged to apply.

Final deliverables

A policy-oriented paper not exceeding more than ten pages, and a public presentation by 1 August 2020. The Fellowship will be started through an orientation at the end of January 2020.

About FES

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a non-profit German foundation funded by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and headquartered in Bonn and Berlin. It was founded in 1925 and is named after Germany's first democratically elected President, Friedrich Ebert. The Bangladesh Office of FES was launched in 2014.

Contact

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The selection will be followed a rigorous competitive process by engaging University Professors. Any persuasion disqualifies the candidate automatically.

Deadline for the submission of Application and short Concept Note: 20 November 2019

APPLICATION FORMAT

Economy of Tomorrow (EoT) Fellowship for University Students and Young Experts (Before applying, please read the Concept Note)

A. Name:

B. Date of Birth:

C. Academic Qualification:

Name of Degree	University / Institution	Subject	Year	Result
Masters				
Bachelor				
HSC				
SSC				

D. Work Experience:

E. Why you are interested in this fellowship (in 50 words)?

F. Detailed Address with Cell Phone and E-mail:

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Attachment:

- One Passport size photo
- Filled up application
- Study Proposal
- Latest Academic Certificate

(Please send your complete application to the email <shadhankumar.das@fesbd.org> by clearly mentioned "EoT Fellowship 2019-2020" in the subject line. Selection would be on merit)



Final Concept Note EoT Fellowship for University Students and Young Experts (2019-2020)

1. Introduction

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a non-profit German foundation funded by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and headquartered in Bonn and Berlin. It was founded in 1925 and is named after Germany's first democratically elected President, Friedrich Ebert. FES is committed to the advancement of both socio-political and economic development in the spirit of social democracy, through civic education, research, and international cooperation.

The focus of the work of FES in Asia is the promotion of a democratic and a socially just socioeconomic development path. In the past few years, the foundation has also given increasing importance to the international dialogue within Asia as well as between the continent and Europe, regional integration, and issues of crisis prevention. In particular, FES supports the lobbying efforts of developing countries in high-level arenas such as at the United Nations, particularly for the group of LDCs in which Bangladesh plays an instrumental role.

The Bangladesh office of FES was registered by the NGO Affairs Bureau in March 2013. Among the partners of FES in Bangladesh are University of Dhaka (DU), Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Center for Development and Employment Research (CDER), SME Foundation, Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS), BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD). FES traditionally has been putting a special focus on the role of young people in strengthening democracy and ensuring an equitable sustainable development. FES believes the ideas of young people as future leaders in different strata of society are particularly valuable. Young people in Bangladesh make up the majority of the population. Behind this numerical advantage lies the potential to influence the political direction and support socioeconomic development. Against this background FES wants to support a more active role of the youth and thus the next generation of young leaders.

With its Fellowship for young students in Bangladesh, FES wants to encourage young experts to develop policy proposals and thereby play a prominent role in the democratic and socially just transformation of Bangladesh.

2. What is the Economy of Tomorrow (EoT):

Enjoying strong growth but also exposing high vulnerabilities toward crises, Asian countries are the global economic powerhouses. Bangladesh is one of the fastest growing economies in Asia which nevertheless will face challenges when it comes to transforming its economy to avoid the country from running into the "middle income trap" in the future.

Against this background, FES has designed research cum dialogue between reform-minded economists/political scientists/etc. and young thinkers in Bangladesh in order to discuss new and innovative ways of economic development, which can be taken into consideration for dynamic growth, social balancing, ecological sustainability and gender equality of the country.

The theme of 2019 is Women and the Economy of Tomorrow in Bangladesh. Bangladesh has made significant progress in women's rights in recent years. It is currently the top performer in ensuring gender equality in South Asia and among the top five countries in the world in ensuring political empowerment of women. Then also it is evident that most working women (more than 90 per cent) work in the informal sector. Agriculture continues to be the largest sector of employment for women, but in recent years there has been a steady increase in female employment in the industrial, service and manufacturing sectors. In the era of "emerging Bangladesh", "middle-income country", "developing country" or "demographic dividend," roles and participation of women is quite indispensable for shaping up the economy of tomorrow. Thus, this year FES and its partner have chosen this theme.

Priority Areas under this theme may include, but are not limited to:

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3. The EoT Fellowship

3.1 Objective:

- To provide fellowship support to young Bangladeshi students in order to write a policy paper outlining concrete policy reforms looking at the political economy of Bangladesh, taking the EoT manifesto and its ideas as a foundation for their suggestions.
- To encourage students to discuss the mentioned topics (Models, Discourses and Coalitions) within the spirit of social democracy.
- To provide possibilities to discuss with other students and researchers socio-economic and ecological topics and thereby develop a network of young students in Bangladesh.

3.2 Eligible Candidates:

- Three categories of applicants are eligible for the Fellowship:
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3.3 Circulation of the Fellowship Announcement

- A rigorous strategy to disseminate the EoT Fellowship circular/announcement will be developed.
- Other than the support of the Partner/DU for this specific Fellowship, all other FES Bangladesh's Partners like CPD, CDER, SME Foundation, etc. will be engaged to widely circulate the news of the fellowship.
- Through using social media (e.g. FES Bangladesh's Facebook Page), this Fellowship will also be circulated.
- Major public and private universities will be asked for publishing this Fellowship news on their notice boards.

3.4 Application Process:

- Eligible candidates have to respond to the "DU-FES EoT Fellowship Announcement" by submitting the filled-up application format within the deadline of submission. (see tentative timetable below)
- Each candidate must submit a short proposal/concept note (see "description of proposal" in section 3.6).
- An "advisory committee" will be formed to assess the quality of proposal on the criteria set by DU and FES Bangladesh and select the maximum five best proposals. Therefore, the advisory board will meet.

3.5 Description of Proposal/Concept Note:

- The study proposal has to be concise, short and a well-written document and should not be more than 3 pages.
- The proposal should have precise argument in line with EoT Manifesto as well as the "EoT Topic for 2019".
- The proposal should contain the research method to be used for this study.
- The proposal should be computer-composed in A4 page, font size 12 in Calibri or Arial. 1.5 line space.
- The proposal should include a time line.
- The proposal should be in English

3.6 Advisory Committee:

- Three members Advisory Committee will be formed, consisting of two academics from the University of Dhaka, one staff member from FES Bangladesh.
- The Advisors will be involved throughout the whole process beginning from the selection of the Fellows to the participation in the final Seminar.
- The committee will meet for the final selection and during the process for reconciliation.

3.7 Selection:

- All the applications along with proposals submitted within the deadline will be reviewed by the Advisors.
- A shortlist of the candidates will be made after first primary review by the advisors.
- The shortlisted candidates will be asked to take part in an interview (travel and daily allowances will be borne by FES Bangladesh).
- Final selection will be made on quality and diversity of proposals, gender representation (male and female), geographic locations of the universities (Dhaka and outside Dhaka), category of universities (public and private) and response in the interviews.

3.8 Process:

- After selection of the Fellows, the concept note/short proposal will be finalized in the first meeting plus 2-day orientation (**4-5 December 2020**). This meeting is the first step to build a network and will allow us to present the general EoT idea, to bring students and experts of the advisory committee together. Students will also have the possibility to share their project ideas with other students and will get first feedback by the advisors. And the orientation will focus on:
 - To develop the research questions and methodology in line with the overall objective of the Fellowship
 - To guide the Fellows on how to write policy papers
- The Awardees will submit their progress reports in a short form on monthly basis to FES Bangladesh.
- A second meeting will be held on **27 February 2020**, where the fellows can share their progress of the studies and if needed talk to the Advisors to get their support.
- After almost 4 months (**15 June 2020**), the Fellows will hand in their final drafts to the Advisors and FES Bangladesh.
- The drafts submitted by the Fellows will be reviewed by the Advisors who will provide feedback/comment by **30 June 2020**.
- The Fellows will then have 2 weeks to incorporate the feedback and finalize their papers. The papers will be sent back to the advisory board.
- The fellows will present their studies at a jointly organized workshop/seminar (tentative date: **1 August 2020**) by FES and the University of Dhaka. The Advisors will attend the final seminar to get feedback from the audiences so that they can guide once more to finalize the report and also to explain/defend their Fellows a bit more during the seminar. As a part of the Seminar, the final papers will also be reviewed by independent reviewers who commented on the papers in the seminar.
- Selected good papers will be considered for publications.

The FES Bangladesh will coordinate the whole process.

3.9 Size and Language of the Report

- The Policy Paper must be concise, vivid, and short
- The Paper will be policy-oriented and will not exceed more than ten pages.
- The Paper must have a precise argument that builds upon the EoT project
- If the awardee has already been preparing an academic dissertation on the subject (this usual size is more than 30 pages), then s/he can summarize to ten pages for the submission to FES Bangladesh.

- Each policy paper has key points of 3/4 bullet points on the front page.
- The paper must be written in English.

4. Dissemination of Ideas:

- FES Bangladesh will arrange a public seminar in Dhaka, when the Fellows have finalized their Policy Papers.
- Policy makers, academics, researchers, civil society, students, journalists will be invited to this Seminar.
- Each candidate will prepare a Policy Brief and a Presentation under the supervision of advisors of DU-FES Bangladesh.
- They will share their ideas with the policy makers and others, respond to the questions from the audiences, and receive feedback for any further improvements of the study.
- The research reports/findings may be used in different ways of FES communication nationally and internationally.

5. Number of Awards:

Maximum of 5 (Five).

6. Amount of each Award:

- Maximum Tk. 100,000 (One lac taka only)/each (excluding VAT & Tax).
- No additional costs for printing, photocopying, field research, etc. will be borne by DU-FES.
- FES Bangladesh will pay travel costs to attend the internal meetings, orientation and final seminars

7. Payment Schedules:

- Contract signing: 50%
- Final report submission: 50%

8. Timeline (tentative):

Tasks/Assignments	Tentative Dates
Fellowship Announcement	31 October 2019
Deadline for the Submission of Application	20 November 2019
Finalization of the Awardees	27 November 2019
First meeting and Orientation on Concept note and signing the ToR	4-5 December 2019
Study Period and Mentoring	6 December – 31 May 2020
Second meeting on findings and reporting in Dhaka	27 February 2020
Draft submission to the Advisors and FES Bangladesh	15 June 2020
Feedback on the Draft by the Advisors	30 June 2020
Final Report and Presentation Submission	15 July 2020
Public Seminar/Workshop in Dhaka	1 August 2020

9. Relevant Resources:

- ILO (2019) Breaking gender barriers in the World of Work. https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/---ilo-dhaka/documents/publication/wcms_655158.pdf (accessed on 1 October 2019)
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- Rahman, Mustafizur, Towfiqul Islam Khan, Muhammad Al Amin (2014) The Economy of Tomorrow How to Produce Socially Just, Sustainable and Green Dynamic Growth for a Good Society Case Study of Bangladesh. FES Bangladesh. Dhaka. <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/bangladesch/10814.pdf> (accessed on 1 October 2019)
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