



## Bangladesh Research and Education Network

### Call for Application: BdREN Overseas Fellowship

#### [1] Overview

Global initiatives of ICT in Education and road to achieve Digital Bangladesh, largely depends on the successful development of the Connectivity Infrastructure, Content Development and Capacity Building. Considering these issues, Bangladesh Research and Education Network (BdREN) has been designed under Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP) being implemented by University Grants Commission of Bangladesh. BdREN aims to provide a high capacity network for connecting all universities and research organizations in Bangladesh, create necessary applications and services and build human network to use the resources efficiently. BdREN launched its journey in 2012 with a pilot network connecting five public universities, one private university and UGC. The full network is under implementation and will be operational very shortly. Before starting for the full network, an International Partner (IP) was appointed under HEQEP for providing support to enrich the technical design of the network and capacity building of the manpower through Trainings, Facility visits and Internships. The International Partnership was a consortium of Kent State University, USA, Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARNet) and Ireland's National Research and Education Network (HEANET). Under this partnership a fellowship visit program will take place on **"Virtual Class Room Support and Management Visit for BdREN and University Team"** at Kent State University (KSU), USA for seven (7) days. The probable date for the visit may be during May/June, 2016.

#### [2] Purpose of Fellowship

BdREN aims to connect universities and research organizations to facilitate research collaboration. With a view to enable resource sharing and facilitate the students with better education, BdREN has established virtual classroom at 33 public universities. This is one of the most significant establishments through which universities will be able to enjoy remote lecturing, collaboration through video conferencing etc. in home and abroad. To ensure effective utilization, faculties require knowledge sharing on the use of virtual classroom and policy knowledge for implementing such environment. Therefore, the fellowship is designed with the following prime objectives:

- *Orientation on world Research & Education Network*
- *Use & effectiveness of virtual classroom*
- *Policies for implementing courses to be conducted remotely*
- *Knowledge exchange/share on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), Special Private Online Courses (SPOC), and Research collaboration using NRENs (National Research & Education Networks)*

#### [3] Number of Fellowship

Total Positions: 03 (Three)  
Duration: 7 (Seven) days

#### [4] Fellowship Package

Fellowship package will include the following:

- *Facility Visit at Kent State University/OARNet, USA*
- *Economy Class Travel*
- *Hotel Accommodation*
- *Local Transportation*





- *Per Diem*
- *Visa Processing Fees*

However, other expenses are not funded by the Fellowship Program and are the responsibility of the successful fellow.

## [5] Eligibility for Application

Applicant shall have the following mandatory qualifications:

- *Shall be from public university*
- *Shall be a faculty of the university where BdREN virtual classroom has been established*
- *Shall have official nomination as BdREN Technical Contact Person (principal/alternate) for the university*

## [6] Selection Criteria & Procedure

The BdREN Fellowship Selection Committee will select the fellows based on the following procedure. The committee will determine the selection criteria.

- *Evaluation of the submitted application (online)*
- *Academic records and involvement in the workshop/seminar/conferences*

*Only short-listed applicants will be invited for a discussion regarding the best utilization of virtual classrooms at the universities.*

## [7] Fellowship Obligations

Awarded fellows must have to fulfill the following obligations:

- *Obligation to fill out an evaluation form after completion of the fellowship program*
- *Should provide a report on the visit*
- *Should provide local support for operation and management of BdREN network in future*

## [8] Important Dates

- *Start Date of Application Submission: 15-MAR-2016*
- *End Date of Application Submission: 27-MAR-2016 5.30 PM*
- *Publication of Shortlisted Candidates in BdREN website: 10-APR-2016*
- *Discussion with the Shortlisted Candidates: April, 2016 (Exact date will be announced in due course of time)*
- *Publication of Fellowship Awardee List in BdREN website: 2nd Week of May, 2016*

## [9] How to Apply

Faculty members of public universities, who have already been nominated or are yet to be nominated as BdREN Technical Contact Persons, are requested to apply through the website [fellowshipapplication.bdren.net.bd](http://fellowshipapplication.bdren.net.bd) or [www.bdren.net.bd/internship](http://www.bdren.net.bd/internship) within the specific date mentioned above and keep the reference number of the application for future tracking. **Please note that hardcopy submission will not be accepted.**

**Note:** Most of the Public Universities have officially nominated one Principal and one Alternate Technical Contact Person for BdREN. But from some universities, HEQEP/BdREN did not receive any official letter. However, the application must be accompanied by the nomination letter; otherwise the application will not be considered.

