

Internship Placement:

Organization:

Royal Fish Farm Ltd.,

Address:

Mymensing, Bangladesh

Location:

120 km northwest of Dhaka



1. Project description:

The largest and oldest hatchery and fish farm in the Mymensingh area as well as in the country is the Royal Fish Farms. It has fruit trees and also dairy cow. It was established in 1992 as carp farms then switched onto Pangasius farm. It is producing huge quantity of Pangasius and Tilapia for both juveniles and table fish. It has about 150 ha farm size about 10 km away from the BAU. They have their own feed mill as well. They produce about 50 million Pangasius fingerlings and of that size of Tilapia. They produce about 150 metric tons of Pangasius and 50 metric tomes of Tilapia. All their table fish go to the Kawranbazar, the largest wholesale market in Dhaka. Both BAU teachers and students have easy access to this farm. Mr Sazzad Hossain (45) is the owner of the farm.

2. Location:

It is located 120 km northwest of Dhaka in a rural setting. But the provincial headquarters, Mymensing and Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU) are about 15 km away from the farm where ATM cash machines, Banks and other facilities are there. It is also connected by train and buses from Dhaka.

3. Living conditions:

Be prepared to live in rural setting. Most people can speak English; however, it will be a life-time experience in living with a local family as its member and learning local culture, language and adapting a different way of life. There is electricity. Land line and cellophone services are there. Cell phone works in the area but you have to have machine and SIM card purchased in the local town. Internet services and ATM/cash machines are also available in the village. There are plenty local food vendors which serve delicious Bangladeshi food.

4. Climate

Climate is tropical, warm and humid. Temperature may to up to 30°C in summer is quite hot. It may rain heavy for short time in summer. During winter temperature may fall around 15°C.

5. Culture:

It is important to respect local culture and traditions. Cover-up dresses are required. Shoes or sandal does not matter but most of the time you will need to walk; therefore, light sport shoes/trainers will be

suitable. Dress conservatively; casual clothing is suitable while working at the fish farm - T-shirts, shorts and sandals are appropriate.

6. Host is happy to provide:

- Dormitory type accommodation nearby or you stay in BAU.
- Subsidized rate for food wherever possible
- Office space, computer and internet facilities
- Fish, labour and other materials for research, if needed

7. Your Costs:

- International airfare (please check with your University, may have this provision)
- Local transportation
- Fees for visa/passport
- Food and drinks (approx. about US\$1/meal)
- Any costs of trips, trainings, and others arranged personally
- Insurance and costs of damages due to personal negligence

8. Miscellaneous

Travel medical kit, light mosquito net, insect repellent, sleeping bag, flash light, umbrella or rain coat, few books, a towel and toiletries. But do not bother if you need to buy them, they are available locally at cheap prices.

Note: you will be paired with students of our local partner institution, as far as possible.