

Internship Placement:

Organization:

Brahmaputra Hatchery Ltd.

Address:

Mymensing, Bangladesh

Location:

120 km northwest of Dhaka



1. Project description:

It is another old hatchery cum fish farm established in the mid 90s. It is relatively small farm with about 20 ha of land and water facility but bears a very good name and got government recognition for the best service to the nation. This is a pioneer farm in propagation and production of Thai Koi (Climbing perch) and played greater role in the dissemination of technology throughout the country. This hatchery is the only hatchery that has proven track records in breeding indigenous catfishes and many other non convention fish species and thus contributed to the innovation of new aquaculture systems. The owner of the farm is Mr. Nurul Haque (48) is a very innovative man and keeps close contact with the University. We can use their facility as well. They are in the close proximity of the BAU of about 3 km away.

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.