Economics Discipline
Khulna University, Khulna

Date**:** 29/10/2026

Call for Applications: Funded PhD Fellowship, Research Scholarship and Research Assistant (RA)

POSITION SUMMARY

Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation (HEAT) Sub-Project 'PIN-13461-KU', Economics Discipline, Khulna University, invites applications from eligible candidates for:

i. **01 (One) PhD Fellowship**
ii. **01 (One) Research Scholarship**
iii. **01 (One) Research Assistant (RA)**

The research project titled 'Impact of Mobile Phone-based Price and Weather Information on Small-scale Farmers' Wellbeing: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in the Southwest Region of Bangladesh' aims to examine whether access to mobile phone-based market price and weather information improves farmers' welfare, reduces price discrimination, and enhances the academic and research capacity of the Economics Discipline. The study will employ a randomized controlled trial (RCT) in the southwest region of Bangladesh and involve literature review, questionnaire development, baseline and post-treatment surveys, field data collection, data analysis, dissemination of research findings, and other research activities.
The selected fellows will work under the supervision of the **Sub-project Management Team (SPMT)** and actively participate in the implementation of research activities of the sub-project.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PhD Fellowship:

- The candidate be admitted in the PhD Programme in the Economics Discipline, Khulna University, and registered for the July–December 2026 term.
- Demonstrate research interest relevant to the HEAT Sub-Project.
- Prior field research experience will be considered an advantage.
- Good communication and computer skills are essential.

Research Scholarship:

- Must be currently enrolled in BSS or MSS programme in the Economics/ Agricultural Economics during July–December 2026 term.
- Must be registered for a thesis, thesis proposal, dissertation, internship, or another related course.
- Demonstrate research interest relevant to the HEAT Sub-Project.
- Prior field research experience will be considered an advantage.
- Good communication and computer skills are essential.

Research Assistant:

- Must hold a BSS (Honours)/MSS/equivalent in Economics/Agricultural degree. BSS students may also apply.)
- Demonstrate research interest relevant to the HEAT Sub-Project.
- Prior field research experience will be considered an advantage.
- Good communication and computer skills are essential.
- Knowledge on data analysis (Stata, NVivo) will be considered an advantage.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Receive a fellowship, stipend, or scholarship under the HEAT Sub-Project, as applicable.
- Opportunities to participate in seminars, conferences, and training programmes.
- Opportunities to participate in study tours related to the project's activities.
- Access to research facilities and academic support under the HEAT Sub-Project.

Important Notes

- Download the application form from the "Notices" section of the website https://ku.ac.bd/discipline/econ/notices
- The name of the position applied for must be written on the front of the envelope.
- Complete the application form and submit one (1) hard copies to the SPMT Office during office hours (Room no. 3392; 3rd Academic Building; Economics Discipline, Khulna University).
- Need to submit separate applications in case of applying for multiple positions.
- **Deadline of application submission**: 5 November, 2026; (03:30 PM)
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for the interview/viva.
- Applicants must bring the original copies of all required documents and publications to the interview.
- The number of positions may be increased or decreased.
- Scholarship and fellowship will be applicable from current term.
- No TA/DA will be provided for attending the interview/viva voce.
- The project is scheduled to mature in September 2027. No engagement will continue beyond the project maturity date.
- Continuation of the scholarship/contact will depend on satisfactory performance.
- For any query, you may contact: Mr. Toriqul Islam ASPM-2, HEAT-13461-KU and Assistant Professor, Economics Discipline, Khulna University at 01733415246.

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Higher Education Academic Transformation (HEAT)
Subproject: PIN-13461-KU

APPLICATION FORM

Position applied for:

☐ PhD Fellowship
☐ BSS/MSS Research Fellowship
☐ Research Assistant (RA)

A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full name (in English)	
Father's name	
Mother's name	
Date of birth	
Mobile number	
Email	
NID	
Present address	
Permanent address	

B. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Degree	Institution / Board	Subject / Major	Program Duration	GPA / CGPA / Class
SSC / Equivalent				
HSC / Equivalent				
BSS / Bachelor's				
MSS / Master's				
Others if applicable				

C. CURRENT STATUS

a.	Currently enrolled program			
	Institution/Board/University		Department	
	Session			
	Year		Term	
	Result (GPA/marks in last term)			
b.	Employment (if any)			
	Employer name		Position	

D. RESEARCH INTEREST

Briefly explain why you are applying and how your academic background and experience relate to this project (Approximately 150–200 words; attach an extra sheet if necessary)

E. DATA ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

F. PUBLICATION/CONFERENCE (if any)

G. REFERENCES

Reference 1	Reference 2
Name of referee : Position : Institution : Email : Phone no. :	Name of referee : Position : Institution : Email : Phone no. :

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____