

BRAC Internship Description

Programme/Enterprise: Otithi

Project/Unit: Research and Operations

Duration: 3 months

Application Deadline: 26 September 2026

Starting Date: 4 October 2026

Location (Office & Floor): Dhamrai

Working Hours: 8 Hours

Monthly Stipend: BDT 8,000

Programme/Enterprise Description.

Otithi is a community-based tourism enterprise that creates authentic travel experiences while generating sustainable income and livelihood opportunities for local communities across Bangladesh.

Project/Unit Description

The project focuses on developing and operating community-based tourism destinations through community engagement, product development, curated experiences, market linkage, trip operations, and responsible tourism practices.

Purpose of Internship (including learning outcomes)

The internship provides practical exposure to community-based tourism, enterprise development, research, field operations, and community engagement. Interns will develop skills in tourism product development, curation, community coordination, market research, and trip operation.

Intern's Responsibilities:

- Explore and map potential communities, cultural assets, heritage sites, local businesses, and tourism experiences in Dhamrai.
- Build relationships with community members, artisans, local leaders, and relevant stakeholders.
- Conduct interviews and collect stories, photographs, and local insights.
- Identify local food experiences and community-led activities.
- Coordinate and lead field visits for the Otithi team and external partners when required.

- Serve as the **Trip Leader** during Otithi experiences by coordinating logistics, supporting guests, managing schedules, and ensuring smooth communication between the community and visitors.
- Assist in onboarding and engaging community members in tourism-related activities.
- Submit weekly progress updates and participate in regular planning and review meetings.

Requirements

- Residents of Dhamrai or nearby areas (preferred).
- Second- or third-year university students preferred.
- Background in Anthropology, Archaeology, Journalism, Drama, Tourism, Development Studies, or a related field is preferred. (second/ third year student)
- Strong communication and relationship-building skills.
- Curious about local culture, history, traditions, and people.
- Able to work independently with minimal supervision.
- Comfortable with regular fieldwork and interacting with diverse stakeholders.
- Willingness to work on weekends when required.
- Educational Background
 - Level: Second- or third-year university students preferred.
 - Subject: Anthropology, Archaeology, Journalism, Drama, Tourism, Development Studies, or a related field is preferred.
- Language Proficiency
 - Bangla (written/spoken): required
 - English (written/spoken): required
 Both required
- Knowledge/Skills/Competencies:
- Knowledge about local culture, history, traditions, and people.