

ArchKU Visiting Scholar and Visiting Researcher Program (VSVRP)

1 Introduction

Architecture Discipline, Khulna University (ArchKU) is committed to bringing outstanding scholars and researchers to Khulna University to reflect on their research in the field of architecture. With this commitment ArchKU welcomes Fellows from all over the world to its Visiting Scholar and Visiting Researcher Programs (VSVRP). VSVRP Fellows return to their countries with a better understanding of the complex set of relationships among local, regional, and international issues in architecture, planning and development. While at ArchKU, VSVRP Fellows immerse themselves in a supportive academic environment where they can freely exchange ideas with colleagues who are expert in and sympathetic to issues facing developing countries. They are exposed to new theories and approaches from ArchKU faculty which they can later apply at home. In addition, the experience helps them to develop strong, positive connections with higher educational institutions in Bangladesh.

2 Status

VSVRP is designed to nurture individuals, often at a turning point in their academic/research careers, to retool and reflect on their research, policy-making, planning and design skills.

2.1 Visiting Scholar

The status of Visiting Scholar is granted to individuals coming to ArchKU to pursue their own independent research. To qualify, Fellows must be in possession of a PhD or an equivalent advanced degree, and must have made distinguished contributions in fields that are relevant to the intellectual mission of ArchKU. All Visiting Scholars must have ArchKU faculty sponsor(s). The faculty sponsor, not below the rank of Associate Professor with a PhD is responsible for assisting with the integration of the Visiting Scholar into the ArchKU community. Sponsors are not expected to serve as mentors or advisors, although some will assume this role. The exact nature of the relationship between a Visiting Scholar and faculty sponsor must be agreed upon before the visit begins.

2.2 Visiting Researcher

The status of Visiting Researcher is granted to individuals coming to ArchKU to conduct independent research that is supportive of or directly related to ArchKU research agenda. Also Fellows such as early career researcher and MPhil/PhD researcher who are interested to work in collaboration with ArchKU faculty or intend to support any of the ArchKU research initiatives are eligible to apply. A minimum of a Bachelors degree is required to apply for Visiting Researcher Program.

3 Duration

Duration for both programs is minimum one month to maximum twelve months. VSVRP provides an enabling academic platform for the scholars/researchers throughout their proposed period to pursue independent/collaborative scholarly research and to interact with ArchKU faculties, students and staffs.

4 Selection Criteria

Applications for a position in VSVRP are reviewed based on following criteria:

- Competent research proposal and its relevance to research mission of ArchKU. Preference will be given to applicants whose research is transnational and interdisciplinary in nature.
- Individual must be visiting from and affiliated with a recognized university or organization.
- Availability and interest of ArchKU faculty member(s) to supervise or collaborate or sponsor the proposed research.

5 Privileges of a Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher

- ArchKU identification card
- KU library card
- ArchKU e-mail ID
- Attending relevant lectures, seminars, workshops and sessional courses without fees, subject to permission of concerned supervisor/collaborator/sponsor
- Access to copy machines, printers, plotters and scanners of ArchKU
- Access to ArchKU Labs
- Free access to university transportation facilities

- Workspace for research

6 Responsibilities of a Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher

- VSVRP does not provide any form of fellowship. Fellows should secure funding from outside sources or come with self-funding.
- Should bring own computer and accessories
- Responsible for quality and completion of research work in due time
- Should submit a report on the outcome of research to ArchKU (Appendix 1)
- Should arrange accommodation on their own

7 Application Process

Fellows need to submit an application to VSVRP Coordinator (to vsvrp@archku.ac.bd) with following documents:

- A resume or curriculum vitae, including full name and contact information
- A research statement, consisting of a description of the proposed research and an explanation of why ArchKU is an appropriate setting for this work (maximum of 3000 words)
- A letter of recommendation from an academic recommender
- The proposed length and dates of visit
- Proof of funding (if applicable)
- Proof of identity (passport and ID from home university/organization)
- Evidence of English language proficiency, if not a native English speaker
- The name of ArchKU faculty member(s) who would be the supervisor/collaborator/sponsor.

8 Application Deadline

Complete applications for a Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher position are reviewed round the year. Application should be received at least three months before the proposed date of visit. Only complete applications will be reviewed and result will be notified by email within one month after receiving the application. Available positions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Final approval for all visiting fellows is made at the discretion of ARC.

9 Amendment of the Ordinance

This ordinance may be amended if necessary by a committee formed by Head, Architecture Discipline subject to approval of Syndicate of Khulna University.