

Asian University for Women
Chittagong, Bangladesh
June 12-August 13, 2020
(dates subject to change)



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This 9-week internship offers 2-4 Haverford and Bryn Mawr College students an incredible opportunity to serve as volunteer tutors to young women from South, Southeast, and West Asia.

ABOUT ASIAN UNIVERSITY FOR WOMEN

Located in Chittagong, Bangladesh, Asian University for Women (AUW) is a liberal arts institution and home to international faculty and over 800 students from 20 countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Syria, Timor Leste, Vietnam, and Yemen. The university is dedicated to teaching excellence in a liberal arts setting with a strong commitment to research, scholarly engagement, and women's leadership development.

AUW is committed to admitting any student who shows talent and drive—regardless of their ability to pay tuition. Almost 85% of its student body is on scholarship. AUW students are refugees, former garment factory workers, and daughters of micro-finance borrowers. They have survived life under the Taliban, civil wars, and natural disasters. They are almost always the first in their family to attend university.

During the admissions process, AUW students are judged on their capacity for empathy, outrage at injustice, and courage. While at AUW, these characteristics are tested, as women from deeply diverse, and often conflicting communities live and study together in an atmosphere of mutual discovery and collaborative exchange.

2020 PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Fellows will complete a 1-2 day orientation program, assist and tutor for two courses, engage in academic support activities, and lead extracurricular activities. The language of instruction and throughout campus is English. Fellows will live in shared AUW accommodation, and meals will be at the AUW cafeteria, with local transportation between housing and campus provided by the university.

June 12 - July 12

The first four weeks of the fellowship will be spent working with students in the pre-college preparatory programs. AUW students have incredible stories to tell and dreams to achieve. It is imperative that they are equipped to express themselves and to effect positive social change. Visiting Fellows will tutor and assist students in the pre-college preparatory programs—Pathways for Promise and Access Academy—as English, Math, Science, or Performing Arts tutors. They may also lead extracurricular programs in the performing arts.

Preparatory Programs

To increase access to university education for women who were denied high-quality secondary schooling, AUW offers two flexible pre-university programs to prepare them for success in the AUW Undergraduate Program.

In **Pathways for Promise**, women who have not previously had access to high-quality English-language or mathematics training are offered an additional year of pre-university preparation in advance of the one-year Access Academy and three-year Undergraduate Program. Pathways for Promise specifically targets communities of women who are first in their family to enter university and otherwise represent adverse backgrounds, including: daughters of microfinance borrowers; historically neglected ethnic minorities, particularly from highland areas of South and Southeast Asia; garment factory workers; tea estate workers; refugees and internally displaced persons; and women from extremely poor socio-economic strata. Every year at least one-third of all students entering AUW enter through Pathways for Promise.

Access Academy is a flagship year of pre-collegiate courses focused on English communication skills, critical thinking, problem-solving, and strategies for life-long learning. The program is designed to help students overcome prior deficits in their educational background and prepare for success in AUW's liberal arts and sciences Undergraduate Program.

July 13 – August 13

The second part of the fellowship will be spent working in the Math and Science Summer School or Humanities Summer School. AUW seeks to empower female leaders not only from marginalized regions, but also within underrepresented professions. While more women are enrolled in university than ever before, women remain the minority in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields in every region. Closing this gender gap in STEM is crucial to empowering women economically and socially.

In 2020, AUW will run its second-annual **Math and Science Summer School** for secondary school students in Bangladesh. Focused on priming science and math skills and fostering enthusiasm for these subjects, this program equips students with the competence to excel in further STEM-oriented studies and careers.

Alongside the Math and Science Summer School, AUW will run its inaugural **Humanities Summer School** for secondary school students interested in pursuing higher studies in the liberal arts. Visiting Fellows will tutor and assist students in the Summer Schools as Teaching Assistants.

Interested students may apply to intern with the Math and Science Summer School or the Humanities Summer School depending on their area of interest. They may also lead extracurricular programs in subjects of their choice.

AUW Campus

Chittagong is a major port city that lies 264 km southeast of the nation's capital, Dhaka, to which it is well connected by air, road and rail. AUW is a short walk or ride away from many shops, cafes, restaurants, parks, and places of worship including mosques, temples, and churches. The permanent

campus of AUW is planned for a beautiful 140- acre site within the Chittagong city limits, just north of the Foy's Lake recreational area. The site consists of rolling hills, deep valleys, permanent and intermittent streams, and spectacular views toward the Bay of Bengal and the city. The site lies 6 km north of the commercial center, approximately 8 km from Chittagong University, and 15 km from the city's new international airport. The land surrounding the AUW site represents one of the last undeveloped areas of Chittagong's unique hilly landscape.

Chittagong has a heritage of Muslim, Hindu, and Buddhist traditions. Chittagong is the second largest city in Bangladesh with a population of approximately four and a half million. It is also the international port of Bangladesh, and as such, it has historically served as a principal center of cultural, social, and commercial exchange between this part of South Asia and the outside world.

NUTS AND BOLTS

Eligibility and Application Information: This internship is open to Haverford and Bryn Mawr students. Before applying, please visit the [AUW website](#). Applicants must submit an application form, an unofficial transcript, a resume or CV, and a recommendation form completed by a faculty member. Apply through [CPGC's website](#).

Qualifications: AUW seeks motivated individuals interested in acquiring experience in an international academic environment that is focused on the educational advancement of women. Fellows likely to succeed in this assignment will have:

- Sensitivity to, and understanding of, the diverse academic, socio-economic, religious and cultural backgrounds of an international community;
- Ability to be flexible with work assignments and work in a highly dynamic environment;
- Understanding of and interest in the challenges of working in a developing region.

CPGC's Fellowships for Global Citizenship Program: This summer internship is part of a larger fellowship that offers a comprehensive preparatory and reentry program along with funding and support during your summer engagement with AUW. Prior to the summer internship, CPGC staff, faculty and community partners will help students build on their passions and capacities for ethical engagement and social change action. Fellows continue their journey through a re-entry course upon returning to campus in the fall. More specific information about these crucial elements of the Fellowship program can be found on the [CPGC website](#). **Interested applicants must meet with the Manager of International Programs, Stephanie Zukerman.**

Prior to departure (April/May), Fellows will be expected to attend meetings with their cohort to build connections with each other and to begin the logistical and emotional preparation for living abroad, including receiving health advice from a travel doctor.

Stipend: During this five-week program, the CPGC will cover Fellows' expenses for food, flights and ground transportation, and lodging. The Center will pay the Summer Earning Expectation for students with that stipulation in their 2020-21 financial aid package.

Deadline: The deadline for this internship is **Sunday, February 2, 2020** via the "Bangladesh Partnerships" application on the CPGC's online application platform. **Selected applicants will be contacted for an interview with AUW staff in mid to late February.**

