

Md. Karimul Islam

BRAC Institute of Governance and
Development (BIGD), BRAC University
Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh
Phone +8801965548436
E-mail karimulislamku@gmail.com

Education

- 2020-01 -
2022-09 **Master of Social Science (MSS) in Economics**
Khulna University – Khulna
- Highest Distinction (1st position; 99.9% percentile rank)
 - CGPA: 3.96 (4.0)
- 2016-01 -
2019-12 **Bachelor of Social Science (BSS) in Economics**
Khulna University – Khulna
- Highest Distinction (1st position; 99.9% percentile rank)
 - CGPA: 3.87 (4.0)
- 2012-01 -
2014-01 **Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC): Business Studies**
Hizal Danga Shahid Flight Lt. Masud Memorial College – Jessore
- GPA: 4.90 (5.00)
- 2012-01 -
2012-01 **Secondary School Certificate (SSC): Business Studies**
K.D. Sahapara Secondary High School – Khulna
- GPA: 5.00 (5.00)

Work Experience

- 2025-07
Present **Senior Research Associate (BRAC University)**
BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University, Bangladesh
- Leading and implementing large experimental research projects and survey implementation. Contributed to the studies in development economics, data analysis, writing research proposals, research reports, journal articles, and publications.
- 2022-12 -
2025-06 **Research Associate (BRAC University)**
BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University, Bangladesh
- Successfully led and contributed to quantitative, qualitative, and experimental studies in the area of development economics, resulting in reports and publications. Enhanced proficiency in data analysis and project management.
- 2022-06 -
2022-12 **Trainee Research Associate (BRAC University)**
BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University, Bangladesh
- Trainee Research Associate; Responsible for contributing to research projects, especially quantitative studies, and undergoing rigorous training on RCT, Econometrics, and Quantitative research methods.

2022-01 -
2022-03

Research Assistant

Delta Research Initiative, Khulna, Bangladesh, Khulna

- Conducted research on the environment, agriculture, and livelihood in the coastal area. Also, responsible for collecting and analyzing data, preparing research proposals, and conducting literature review.

2021-05 -
2021-12

Student Ambassador

Swift Consultancy Ltd, Dhaka

- Responsible for assisting students in gaining insights regarding studying abroad, scholarship, and language skills, etc.

2021-06 -
2021-09

Research Assistant

Change Initiative, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Dhaka

- Responsible for conducting literature reviews, collecting and analyzing secondary data, preparing interview/survey questions, writing research reports, and effectively disseminating outcomes.

2018-07 -
2019-12

Rapporteur

SNV Netherlands Development Organisation, Khulna, Bangladesh, Khulna

- Responsible for collecting data from the urban slum areas on sanitation. Responsibility was also to prepare reports, analyze the data, and submit those to the organization.

Publications

- **The Journal of Development Studies (Taylor & Francis):** Adiba, A., Ahmed, Md. S., Das, N., Islam, Md. K., Mozumder, T. A., & Siddiquee, M. S. H. (2025). The Effects of Job Training on Labour Market Outcomes: Evidence from Bangladesh. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 1–23. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2025.2525848>. (Q1)
- **International Journal of Educational Development (Elsevier):** Ahmed, M. S., Islam, M. K., Tumtumi, N. T. R., & Shimul, S. N. (2024). Impact of parental internal migration on education in poor households: Evidence from Bangladesh. *International Journal of Educational Development*, 110, 103114. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijedudev.2024.103114>. (Q1)
- **Public Health (Elsevier)** Islam, M. K., Barua, P., & Ahmed, M. S. (2025). What pushes males to marry underage girls? Demand-side insights of child marriage from northern Bangladesh. *Public Health*, 248, 105939. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhe.2025.105939>. (Q1)
- **Journal of Agriculture and Food Research (Elsevier)** Islam, M.K., & Farjana, F. (2024). Does e-agriculture practice matter for poverty reduction among coastal farm households? *Journal of Agriculture and Food Research*, 17 (2024): 101212. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jafr.2024.101212>. (Q1)
- **Communications Earth & Environment (Nature)** Islam, M. K., & Farjana, F. (2024). Impact of climate-smart agriculture practices on multidimensional poverty among coastal farmers in Bangladesh. *Communications Earth & Environment*, 5(1), 417. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43247-024-01570-w>. (Q1)

- **Humanities and Social Science Communications (Nature)** Islam, M. K., Nasrin, N., Naim, J., Ela, M. Z., Rahman, M. M., Alam, A. S. M. M., ... & Hossain, M. T. (2023). Unraveling the effects of a rehabilitation program on the socioeconomic wellbeing of beggars and begging motivation: evidence from an urban area of Bangladesh. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 10(1), 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-023-02196-7>. (Q1)
- **International Journal of Social Economics (Emerald)** Farjana, F., Islam, M. K., Khanam, R., & Mamun, T. M. (2023). Impact of conditional cash transfer on health outcome of expectant mothers in Bangladesh. *International Journal of Social Economics*, 50(11), 1618-1635. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJSE-08-2022-0512>. (Q1)
- **International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management (Emerald)** Hassan, M.K., Khan, M.Z.H., Miah, M.A. and Islam, M.K. (2024), "The national-level potential of Zakat and its integration into the fiscal framework: sector-specific insights from the economy of Bangladesh", *International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management*, Vol. 17 No. 1, pp. 146-169. <https://doi.org/10.1108/IMEFM-09-2023-0313>. (Q1)
- **BMJ Open (BMJ)** Halim, S.F.B, Akter, O., Islam, M.K. (2024). Link between gender inequality and women's satisfaction with maternal healthcare services: a cross-sectional study in Khulna, Bangladesh. *BMJ Open*, 2024;14:e048404. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjopen-2024-084404>. (Q1)
- **Sociological Spectrum (Taylor & Francis)** Halim, S. F. B., Mridha, S., Nasrin, N., Islam, M. K., & Hossain, M. T. (2022). Socioeconomic crisis and mental health stress among the middle-income group during the covid-19 pandemic. *Sociological Spectrum*, 42(2), 119-134. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02732173.2022.2081639>. (Q1)
- **Journal of Applied Research in Higher Education (Emerald)** Haider, M. Z., Earthy, I. A., Halim, S. F. B., & Islam, M. K. (2024). Presenteeism and academic performance: a cross-sectional study among undergraduate university students. *Journal of Applied Research in Higher Education*, 16(2), 343-357. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JARHE-09-2022-0291>. (Q1)
- **Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research (Emerald)** Islam, M. K., Mitu, S. T., Munshi, R., & Khanam, R. (2023). Perceptions about the common malpractice of Zakat paying in Bangladesh during Covid-19 pandemic: evidence from the supply side. *Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research*, 14(3), 361-378. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JIABR-09-2021-0253>. (Q1)
- **Water Infrastructure, Ecosystems and Society (IWA Publishing)** Islam, M. K., Akter, R., & Haider, M. Z. (2022). Willingness to pay for improved water supply service in coastal urban settings: Evidence from Khulna, Bangladesh. *AQUA—Water Infrastructure, Ecosystems and Society*, 71(9), 1039-1053. <https://doi.org/10.2166/aqua.2022.061>. (Q2)
- **Journal of Population and Social Studies (Mahidol University, Thailand)** Islam, M.K., Nasrin, N., Jaber, A. and Hossain, M.T. (2022). Association between health literacy and BMI: A cross-sectional study on Sub-urban adult population in Bangladesh, *JPSS*, 30, pp. 288-308. <http://doi.org/10.25133/JPSSv302022.018>. (Q2)

- **SN Business & Economics (Springer Nature)** Islam, M. K., Farjana, F., Nasrin, N., & Ahmed, M. S. (2023). The economic, social and environmental implications of heritage tourism: evidence from Bangladesh. *SN Business & Economics*, 3(2), 42. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43546-022-00411-2>. (Q3)
- **International Journal of Environment and Waste Management (Inderscience)** Chowdhury, S., Haider, M.Z., and Islam, M.K. (2025). Exploring the Link between Environmental Literacy and Littering Behaviour Among Youth, *International Journal of Environment and Waste Management*, Forthcoming, <https://doi.org/10.1504/IJEWM.2025.10074045> (Q3)
- **International Journal of Public Law and Policy (Inderscience)** Al Masud, M.M., Chowdhury, S., Islam, M.K., Rahman, M.A (2025). Dispute resolution through knowledge and experience regarding village court among local people: learning from a rural area of Bangladesh, *International Journal of Public Law and Policy*, Forthcoming, <https://www.inderscience.com/info/ingeneral/forthcoming.php?jcode=ijplap> (Q3)
- **Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management (Australian College of Health Service Management)** Nasrin, N., Fatema, K., Farjana, F., Moni, N. N., Islam, M. K., Mohsin, K. F., & Ahmed, M. S. (2023). Does employment status associate with physical and mental health status? A cross-sectional study on working-age population. *Asia Pacific Journal of Health Management*, 18(1), 11335. <https://doi.org/10.24083/apjhm.v18i1.1335>. (Q4)
- **International Journal of Tourism Policy (Inderscience Publication)** Islam, M.K., and Farjana, F. (2020). Economic Potentials of Aesthetic World Heritage Sites in the South-West Region of Bangladesh, *Int. J. Tourism Policy*, Vol. 10 No. 4, pp. 303-326. <https://doi.org/10.1504/IJTP.2020.112641> (Q4)
- **KU Studies (Khulna University)** Al Masud, M. M., Al Marin, A., Islam, M. K., & Chowdhury, S. (2024). Evaluation of the Government Stipend Program for Students with Disability: Evidence from Khulna District of Bangladesh. *Khulna University Studies*, 255-265. <https://doi.org/10.53808/KUS.2024.21.02.1243-ss>
- **International Journal of Social Science, Innovation and Educational Technologies** Hossin M. E., Islam, M.K (2020). "Brexit: Does it Pose a Multi-factorial Impact on Immigration and the UK Economy?", *V I 4 October 2020*, pp. 367-378. [10.5281/zenodo.4173944](https://zenodo.org/record/4173944)
- **Report:** Gomes, M., Kamruzzaman, M., Tahsin, N., Islam, M. K., Biswas, D., Matin, I., & Das, N. (2023). Rapid Assessment of BRAC's Disability Inclusive Ultra-Poor Graduation Program.
- **Report:** Adiba, A., Ahmed, M. S., Das, N., Islam, M. K., Mozumder, T. A., & Siddiquee, M. S. H. (2025). Progressing the Retail Sector by Increasing Decent Employment (PRIDE).
- **Report:** Barua, P., Islam, M.K., Ahmed, M.S., and Das, N.C., (2025) Lives and Livelihoods of Char Dwellers Findings from a Baseline Survey in Selected Char in Northern Bangladesh, *forthcoming*
- **Report on National Political and Poll Survey:** Pulse Survey Round 3, The Pulse Survey: July 2025 – Citizens' Perceptions, Expectations, and Experiences regarding the economic and political conditions, *forthcoming*

Awards

- Dean's Award 2023, Master of Social Science School (MSS) in Economics, Khulna University for securing the first merit place (highest distinction) in the Master's (MSS) in Economics degree.
- Dean's Award 2021, Bachelor of Social Science (BSS) in Economics, Khulna University, for securing the first merit place (highest distinction) in the Bachelor's (BSS) degree.
- Top 1% Quality Journal Publication Award 2025: Awarded by BRAC University for publishing in the top 1% and 10% Q1 Journal.
- Plenary Speaker at the Rewarding Quality Journal Publication Award Ceremony at BRAC University
- National Winner of Runner Up Budget Olympiad, 2018
- Writer (Poet) Khulna Book Fair-2017
- British Parliamentary English and Bengali Debater Noaiyik, Khulna University

Scholarly Peer Reviewer

- Sage Open (*Sage*)
- *Applied Economics* (Taylor & Francis)
- *International Journal of Educational Development* (Elsevier)
- *Climate Policy* (Taylor & Francis)
- *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability* (Taylor & Francis)
- *Cleaner and Responsible Consumption* (Elsevier)
- *BMC Public Health* (Tylor & Francis)
- *Journal of Retailing and Consumer Services* (Elsevier)
- *International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management* (Emerald)
- *Cogent Business & Management* (Tylor & Francis)
- *SN Business & Economics* (Springer Nature)
- *International Journal of Tourism Policy* (Inderscience Publication)

Project Work Experience

- Learning and Innovation Lab (LILA): A joint lab that explores how governance and politics can be integrated into the socioeconomic development model of BRAC IDP.
- Political and national poll Pulse Survey Round 3, The Pulse Survey: July 2025 – Citizens' Perceptions, Expectations, and Experiences regarding the election and political scenario in Bangladesh.
- The Roles of Information and Search Frictions in Determining Working Conditions in Bangladesh's Apparel Sector, University of Washington, Columbia University, 2022-2025
- Lives and Livelihoods of Char Dwellers: Findings from a Baseline Survey in Selected Char in Northern Bangladesh, BIGD, BRAC University
- Progressing the retailer sector by increasing decent employment, BIGD, BRAC University, Dhaka-2023-2024
- Understanding the Impact and Effectiveness of Holistic Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities: The Case of Bangladesh

- Jobs to End Poverty: Evidence from Bangladesh: Promoting Skills and Productivity Enhancement for Resilience (PROSPER) program of BRAC
- Rapid assessment of disability inclusive Ultra-Poor Graduation Programme, BIGD, BRAC University, Dhaka, 2022
- UrbIA: Practices, policies and politics of urban irrigation in Peri-Urban Khulna, Bangladesh, DRI and Wageningen University-2022,
- A Situational Analysis of Social Condition of Beneficiaries and Non-beneficiaries of the Beggars Rehabilitation Programs, DC Office, Khulna, 2021-2023
- Estimate the Potential of Zakah in Bangladesh, CZM and Change Initiative, Dhaka

Work in Progress

- Ongoing: Survey on National Poll: –A nationwide survey on Citizens’ Perceptions, Expectations, and Experiences
- Ongoing: BRAC IDP interventions and the northern Char area in Bangladesh, and its Impact on the Well-being of the Char Dwellers
- Ongoing: PENDA Education: Understanding the Impact and Effectiveness of Holistic Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities: The Case of Bangladesh
- Under submission project: Impact of Remittance on Domestic Violence in Rural Bangladesh: Do Types of Recipients Matter?
- Under submission project: Impact of Child marriage on Intimate Partner violence: Evidence from Bangladesh
- Under Review: Prepared for the Next Outbreak? How Lessons from COVID-19 and Awareness of Emerging Viruses Modify Protective Behavior and Mitigate Health Risks among Urban Dwellers: Evidence from HMPV
- Under Review: Nexus between Restaurant Visits, Fast Food Intake Behavior and the Overweight Status of the Urban Population in Bangladesh

Newspaper, Blog and Literary Publications

- Op-Ed, *The Diplomat*: [BIGD’s Pulse Survey Was About Voicing Citizens’ Hopes and Concerns, Not Predicting the Election Outcome](#)
- Op-Ed, *The Daily Star*: [How to quiet Dhaka's horn habit](#)
- Op-Ed, *The Daily Star*: [Concerted efforts can curb motorbike crashes](#)
- *BIGD Blog*: [Caregiving of Persons with Disabilities: An Unspoken Truth in Vulnerable Households](#)
- Op-Ed, *The Business Standard*: [Rethinking the beggars' well-being: Rehabilitation or eviction?](#)
- Op-Ed, *The Business Standard*: [When social attitude towards disabled people make their lives worse.](#)
- Op-Ed, *The Daily Star*: [Dowry still exists in the guise of “gifts”.](#)
- Op-Ed, *The Business Standard*: [The potential of Zakat to transform the Bangladesh economy.](#)
- Letter to *The Daily Star*: [Flood in the northern districts](#)
- Literary Work, Feb-2017 Book of Poetry “*Antare Dukkher Basha*” ISBN: 978-984-0555-1, Gangchil Publication
- Literary Feature Short story 2016 “Choto”, Khulna University Literary Feature

Conference Papers and Participation

- Author Participation, Feb 2023: 6th International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD-2023), United International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. “Evaluation of the Government Stipend Program for the Students with Disability: Evidence from Khulna, Bangladesh.”
- Author Participation, Feb 2023: 6th International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD-2023), United International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. “Knowledge and Experience regarding Village Court and its Role in Dispute Resolution: Learning from Rural Bangladesh.”
- Author Participation, November 2022: 7th Annual Conference on Social Research 2022 Bangladesh Institute of Social Research (BISR), National Academy for Development Planning, Dhaka, Bangladesh. “Targeting Gender Inequality in Seeking Maternal Health Care Services: Evidence from Khulna District”
- Author Participation, Feb 2022: 5th UIU-International Conference on Sustainable Development 2022, United International University, Dhaka, Bangladesh. “Willingness to Pay for Quality Water Supply Service in the Coastal Urban Settings: Evidence from Khulna, Bangladesh”
- Author Participation, Sep 2022: International Conference on Social Science, Engineering, Education and Technology—ICSSEET 2020 (Turkey and USA) “Brexit: Does it Pose a Multi-factorial Impact on Immigration and the UK Economy?”
- Participation and Training DEC, 2018: Conference on Sustainable Development and Accountability, Global Platform Bangladesh, Action Aid, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- June 3, 2021: Conference on Youth Leadership and Action in Bangladesh, International Republican Institute

Training

2023-07	CITI Certificate by the Internal Review Board (IRB) Ethical Issues in Social and Behavioral Research
2022-06	Young Research Fellowship-BIGD, BRAC University, quantitative and experimental development research, advanced STATA, advanced applied econometrics, survey instrument development STATA: data management, graphics, exploratory data analysis, hypothesis testing, model building, and regression analysis
2022-09	STATA-Statistical Software Operational Skills, Statistics with STATA: Statistical Research Consultants Bangladesh, Data Management, Graphics, Exploratory Data Analysis, Hypothesis Testing, Model Building, and Regression Analysis
2020-01	Communication for Development Curriculum and Research in Academic Institutions of Bangladesh, Patronized by UNICEF, UGC, Khulna University
2019-12	BIDA Workshop on Participation of Youths in the Prosperity of Bangladesh, June 2019, Bangladesh Investment Development Authority and Divisional Administration, Khulna

Skills and Interests

- STATA
- ArcGIS
- ODK-KoboToolBox

- Latex
- Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft PowerPoint

Language

IELTS band score	7.5
English	Skilled and professional
Bangla	Native and Professional
ARABIC	Elementary

References

- Fariha Farjana, Associate Professor, Economics Discipline, Khulna University, Khulna 9208, Bangladesh, Email: farihafarjana@ku.ac.bd
- Dr. Narayan C. Das, Senior Research Fellow and Professor, BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD), BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Email: narayan.das@bracu.ac.bd
- Rachel Heath, Alberta C. Corkery Professor of Economics, University of Washington, United States of America, Email: rmheath@uw.edu