

## Faculty Profile

Course instructors shall be experts in development economics sourced from within BIDS and its reputed former researchers. Faculty shall also be sourced from universities in Bangladesh and abroad. Eligible development practitioners may also be invited to give lectures and teach in the MDE program.

### Faculty

#### S.M. Zulfiqar Ali, Ph.D.

Dr. Zulfiqar Ali is a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS. He obtained his Ph.D. in Applied Economics from the University of Bath, UK in 1998.

#### A. R. Forhad, Ph.D.

Dr. Md Abdur Rahman Forhad is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology (DUET), Bangladesh. He obtained his Ph.D. from Northern Illinois University, USA.

#### Enamul Haque, Ph.D.

Dr. Enamul Haque is a Professor in the Department of Economics and Dean, Faculty of Business and Economics at the East-West University, Bangladesh. He obtained his Ph.D. in Natural Resource Economics from the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

#### Monzur Hossain, Ph.D.

Dr. Monzur Hossain is a Research Director of BIDS. He obtained his Ph.D. in International Economics from the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan.

#### Kazi Iqbal, Ph.D.

Dr. Kazi Iqbal is a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Washington, Seattle, USA.

#### Wahiduddin Mahmud, Ph.D.

Dr. Wahiduddin Mahmud obtained his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Cambridge and was a Professor of Economics at the University of Dhaka.

#### S. R. Osmani, Ph.D.

Dr. S. R. Osmani is a Professor of Development Economics at the University of Ulster, United Kingdom. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the London School of Economics, UK.

#### Md Nahid Ferdous Pabon

Md Nahid Ferdous Pabon is a Research Associate of BIDS. He obtained his master's in Economics from Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA.

#### Binayak Sen, Ph.D.

Dr. Binayak Sen is the Director General of BIDS. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.

#### Mohammad Yunus, Ph.D.

Dr. Mohammad Yunus is a Senior Research Fellow of BIDS. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the Georgia State University, USA.

### Director

Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman is a former Senior Research Fellow of BIDS and currently one of its Senior Fellows. He is also a Professorial Fellow at BRAC University. He obtained his Ph.D. from Stanford University, USA.

## Program Expenses

This MDE is a fully-funded government program. Hence, no fees will be charged for tuition except for a one-time nominal charge of BDT 5000 (Taka Five Thousand) to cover incidental expenses.



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**MASTER'S IN DEVELOPMENT  
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## BIDS and GSE

The Master's in Development Economics (MDE) is a newly established academic program of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), Graduate School of Economics (BGSE) affiliated with the University of Dhaka. BIDS has a long tradition of excellence in research, and is the country's premier research and policy institute. Over nearly seven decades, it has been the spawning ground of some of the country's leading economists and scholars. BIDS' reputation for scholarship in development economics and policy research is acknowledged both nationally and globally. The institute is thus uniquely positioned to offer the MDE program.

## The MDE Program

The MDE is a one-year, full-time Master's degree program with a strong emphasis on the application of contemporary economic theory to economic development and policy. This MDE degree will be conferred by the University of Dhaka.

The MDE is a **36 credit program comprising 10 courses (30 credits) and a dissertation (6 credits)**. This program will cover three semesters and be completed in one year, i.e., July-June plus a summer semester. Each semester will be administered over 16

weeks using the most up to date pedagogical methods, combining lectures, student-led group discussions, seminars, term papers, etc. The standard class time will be of 90 minutes duration. Additionally, 10 hours will be designated as office hours for each course, to allow the

students to interact with faculty members individually or in small groups.

The semester wise course distribution and time duration is given below:

Semester Number	Duration	Courses No.	Offered Courses	Credit
1st Semester	16 weeks	501	Introduction to Development Economics	3 credits per course
		502	Development Microeconomics	12 credits
		503	Quantitative Methods for Development Economics	
		504	Environmental and Resource Economics	
2nd Semester	16 Weeks	505	Development Macroeconomics	3 credits per course
		506	Econometrics	12 credits
		507	Theories of Growth and Development	
		508	Comparative Economic Development	
3rd Semester	10 Weeks	509	Institutional Economics	3 credits per course
		510	Trade, Aid and Development	6 credits
Masters thesis	To be submitted by the end of the academic year		Topics will be selected after consulting with the Supervisor	6 credits

## Program Benefits

The MDE will introduce students to advanced topics in Development Economics and prepare them to apply these to analyze and engage in policies related to development. Graduate students interested in pursuing higher studies, development and policy practitioners will benefit most from the program. Students of the MDE program will learn how to:

- Design and evaluate policy and projects informed by the latest research and best practice.
- Formulate research questions to address complex development issues systematically and innovatively.
- Gain a solid grounding in microeconomic, macroeconomic and development theory and its applications to a range of contexts; specifically involving Bangladesh, and South-East Asia.