

Application Announcement for GIZ India Autumn School 2024

Greetings from the GIZ-DS2S Team,

GIZ-DS2S is pleased to announce that GIZ India will host an 'Autumn School' in Delhi, India, from October 20-23, 2024. This event will bring together students from Bangladesh, Germany, India, and Vietnam. One Master's student from BRUR (one of the partner universities in Bangladesh for GIZ-DS2S Program) will be selected to represent the university at this prestigious event.

Who Can Apply:

1. Current Master's student at BRUR.
2. Hold a valid passport.
3. Proficient in English communication.
4. Strong academic performance.
5. Practical experience in the digital space or digital market.
6. Female students are encouraged to apply.

Important Dates:

- **Last Date of Application:** 27th August 2024
- **Shortlisted Candidate Announcement:** 1st September 2024
- **Interview Date:** 4th September 2024
- **Selected Student Announcement:** 7th September 2024

Application Process:

1. Interested students should submit their applications following the guidelines provided in the **Call for Application document** (see below).
2. A selection committee will review the applications and shortlist candidates based on their CVs and a short video (allowed file formats: MP4, AVI, MOV).
3. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a final interview/presentation. The shortlist will be available on the BRUR website as a notice.
4. The selected student will be notified, and their documents will be forwarded to GIZ for final approval.

Please submit your application to **shahzalal.mkt@brur.ac.bd**

For any inquiries or further support, please send an email to **shahzalal.mkt@brur.ac.bd**

Note: The respective authority reserves the right to modify any of the above clauses as deemed necessary.

Call for Applications (a close call) - Autumn School in Delhi

The Alexander von Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society (HIIG) in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and partner University in Bangladesh invites applications for an autumn school on artificial intelligence, data and future skills with an intersectional feminist approach in Delhi, India, from 20-23 October 2024.

Deconstructing AI: An intersectional feminist perspective on AI for the future of work

Autumn School

in Delhi, India, from 20-23 October 2024.

Deadline for applications: 27th August 2024

Notification of acceptance/rejection: 7th September 2024.

In a world where AI-based solutions are affecting every aspect of life, gender inequality within the tech sector remains a significant problem. While the implicit target group for the development and decision-making of these future technologies are predominantly white men, minorities and marginalised groups like women and queer people remain significantly underrepresented. This creates data biases in AI systems, as these are often trained on datasets reflecting existing social inequalities. If these biases are not recognised and addressed in the development and decision-making processes of AI, discrimination, especially against women and marginalised groups, will only be reinforced.

Data biases and questions of representation in AI development teams should be seen against the backdrop of more general issues of discrimination in relation to the access and use of digital technologies. For instance, many women and queer people still lack access to essential digital resources such as cell phones, laptops, and WiFi. In many regions, the internet is considered unsafe for women and girls, with their access restricted and controlled by men, further reinforcing gender exclusion. In addition, online violence against women and queer individuals exacerbates deep-seated gender inequality.

Addressing these disparities is crucial for creating a more inclusive and equitable digital future. By integrating feminist principles based on equality, inclusion, and social justice into AI development and implementation, technology can help promote gender equality and create a fairer society. A gender-equitable approach to AI is essential for mitigating biases and ensuring that the benefits of digital advancements are accessible to all. Given the urgent need for gender equality within AI development and digital literacy, HIIG and GIZ are pleased to announce an autumn school on intersectional feminist approaches to AI and data.

This special mentoring- and educational programme aims to equip female* students from Bangladesh, Germany, India and Vietnam with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the digital age.

Why Apply?

1. **Promote gender equality in AI:** Learn from leading experts how to bring an intersectional feminist perspective to AI and data sciences, challenge existing gender biases and shape a future where technologies as well as access to technologies are inclusive and equal.
2. **Improve your digital skills for the future:** Gain practical insights into AI, data analytics and digital skills and apply your knowledge to real-world cases.
3. **Network with peers and experts:** Connect with like-minded *female** students and work together in an interdisciplinary peer group to create a supportive community advocating for gender equality / equity within technology and in the tech-sector.
4. **Intercultural exchange:** Engage in in-depth discussions and collaborate with peers from different countries and backgrounds.
5. **Costs:** There are no training costs for participants; all travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by GIZ.

Who Should Apply?

This Autumn School brings together students from Bangladesh, India, Vietnam and Germany. This call is specifically aimed only at partner University of Bangladesh students who are passionate about shaping the future of AI towards more inclusion and gender equality.

- ✓ All participants must be currently enrolled in a master's during the autumn school in October 2024.
- ✓ Students from all non-technical disciplines/humanities/social sciences can apply.
- ✓ Everyone who identifies as a female is welcome to apply.
- ✓ Whether you are a beginner or have some experience in the field of digitalisation/ AI, our programme will provide you with valuable insights and skills.
- ✓ Fluent English skills are required

How to Apply

To apply, please submit the following:

1. A current CV (1 page max.)
2. A short video (1-2 mins) with an introduction of yourself as well as answers to the following questions:
 - a. Describe a specific instance where you observed or experienced gender inequality in relation to AI/digital technologies? How did this experience influence your perspective on the importance of gender equality in the development and use of AI/digital technologies and related issues such as digital literacy?
 - b. How do you imagine the future of AI? What role will/could an intersectional feminist perspective play in shaping the future of AI?

(Any videos exceeding two minutes will be disqualified)

Deadline for submitting selected student information:

Please send the relevant document (CV, short video and a copy of passport) until **9th September 2024**.

Cooperation

The Call for Application is part of the transfer project [Digital Skills through Micro-Credentials](#) which is being implemented in cooperation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).