

CONVOCATION

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY: A PROFILE

Mission Statement

East West University, rated among the top private universities of Bangladesh, is an institution that promotes eastern culture and values, and meaningfully blends eastern and western thought and innovation. As an institution of higher learning that promotes and inculcates ethical standards, values and norms, East West University (EWU) is committed to the ideals of equal opportunity, transparency, and non-discrimination.

The primary mission of EWU is to provide, at a reasonable cost, tertiary education characterized by academic excellence in a range of subjects that are particularly relevant to current and anticipated societal needs. Central to the university's mission is its intention to provide students with opportunities, resources and expertise to achieve academic, personal and career goals within a stimulating and supportive environment. EWU is not only striving to maintain high quality in both instruction and research, it is also rendering community service through dissemination of information, organization of training programs and other activities.

Sensitive to the needs of its students and staff, EWU is committed to providing a humane, responsive and invigorating atmosphere for productive learning and innovative thinking.

History

The idea of establishing a private university to provide quality education at an affordable cost in Bangladesh was first mooted by a group of prominent academics, business leaders, professionals and education enthusiasts led by Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin. With this end in view, this group formed a non-profit, non-political, charitable organization called Progoli Foundation for Education and Development (PFED). East West University is its first major project. Members of the Board of Directors of the University are: Mr. Jalaluddin Ahmed, Mr. S.M. Nousher Ali, Mr. Faroque B. Chaudhury, Dr. Rafiqul Huda Chaudhury, Mr. Syed Manzur Elahi, Dr. Mohammed Farashuddin, Mr. Mohammad Zahidul Haque R.P.H., Dr. Salidur Rahman Lasker, Dr. Mohammad A. Mannan, Professor M. Mosleh-Uddin, Mr. Shelley A. Mubdi, Mr. M.A. Munin, Mr. Khalil Rahaman, Mr. H.N. Ashequr Rahman and Mrs. Razia Samad.

After being accorded permission by the Government under the Private University Act (Act 34) of 1992, East West University was launched in 1996. Classes started in September 1996 with 6 faculty members and 20 students in the present campus located at 45, Mohakhali Commercial Area, Dhaka. Currently, there are over 2000 faculty members and approximately 20000 students enrolled through a process of selection.

Accreditation and Collaboration

East West University is accredited by the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and its curricula and programs have been approved by the Bangladesh University Grants Commission. The President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the Chancellor of EWU. The Vice Chancellor, the Pro-Vice Chancellor, and the Treasurer are appointees of the President of the country in his capacity as the Chancellor of the University.

East West University has formal collaboration agreements with the following overseas universities:

- Pace University, New York, USA
- Suffolk University, Boston, USA
- Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, USA
- University of Luton, Bedfordshire, England, UK
- University of Fukui, Fukui City, Japan

EWU has also entered into collaboration agreements with a number of other well-known universities in the USA, UK and Australia.

Location

The temporary campus is located at 41, 43, 44, 46 and 49 Mohakhali C.A., Dhaka. It consists of 5 (five) buildings-3 (three) two-storied, 1 (one) three-storied and 1 (one) six-storied-with approximately 1,64,000 (one lakh and sixty-four thousand) sqft. of space. The campus is situated in the heart of the city and can be easily accessed by all modes of public transport.

With a view to building its own campus, EWU has purchased 555.75 decimals of land at Moja Vadhram, P.S. Tongi, District Gazipur. It has also received an allotment of 1 (one) bigha of land in Utara from RAJUK. The university has purchased a total of 7.4 bigha land at Alfabnagar, Rampura on the Progol Saran adjacent to BTV. Design of the new campus at Alfabnagar is underway and construction work will commence this year. The University intends to move to its own campus by Fall 2009.

Faculties

There are currently three academic faculties:

- Faculty of Sciences & Engineering
- Faculty of Business & Economics
- Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

There are 8 (eight) separate Departments operating under these three faculties. English is the medium of instruction and examinations for all programs.

Degrees Offered

At present, EWU offers the following four-year Bachelor's Degrees:

- B.B.A. (Majors in Accounting, Marketing, Finance, Management, International Business, Human Resource Management (HRM) & Management Information System (MIS))
- B.S.S. in Economics
- B.B.A. in English
- B.Sc. in Computer Science

dissertations, pure reference books, reports, CD-ROMs (1,110), audio-cassettes (135 copies), journals (39 titles), maps (66 rare items), on-line journals (66 databases; 2,573 journals), statistical publications, as well as current daily newspapers (16) and periodicals. Books and periodicals relate to the fields of Business Studies, Economics, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Physics, Pharmacy, Computer Science, Mathematics, English Language and Literature, and Bangladesh Studies.

Career and Employment

The Career Counseling Center provides appropriate guidance to students about future career plans. The center liaisons with prospective employers and arranges internships and part-time jobs for students and graduates.

The Career Counseling Center works to place students with leading business organizations of the country who can expand their activities by utilizing fresh minds imbued with modern skills and expertise. As a forerunner among private universities in Bangladesh, EWU is a place that endeavors not only to ensure excellence in education but also to help students find suitable careers. The center organizes job fairs, workshops and seminars on a regular basis for career-seeking individuals, participating companies, and potential employing bodies to facilitate interaction and help each other assess needs and priorities. Besides, the largest job portal in Bangladesh, BDjobs.com, has established a linkage with the Career Counseling Center to extend job services to East West University students.

Spring Semester (January – June) and Fall Semester (June – November). Computer, VSAT, Network, Internet and laboratory facilities

Information and Communications Services (ICS) support a total of 533+ computers along with computer-related equipments, of all the functional departments/sections of the University. To support the "hands-on-lab" practices for different computation-intensive courses, EWU has established 7 (seven) Computer Labs equipped with more than 260 computers and printers of various ranges. The operating support systems are Windows, Linux, Solaris, etc. The programming languages and packages support include C/C++, Java, Fortran, Oracle, Matlab, Visual BASIC, SPSS, MS-SQL Server, MySQL, PHP, .NET etc. EWU has the following Laboratory facilities:

- Electrical & Electronic Engineering (EEE) Laboratory
- Electronics Laboratory
- Electrical Circuits and Machines Laboratory
- VLSI Laboratory
- Applied Physics and Communications Engineering (APCE) Laboratory
- APCE Department has the following laboratories

a. Telecommunication Laboratory
b. Network Laboratory
c. Physics Laboratory
d. Network Laboratory
e. Physics Laboratory
f. Digital Laboratory
g. Pharmacy Laboratory

The EWU Center for Research and Training (EWURT)

The primary objective of the center is to create knowledge through academic and applied research and disseminate acquired knowledge through training and publication. CRT operates through a Research Committee comprising of representatives from the Board, Deans and Chairs of the Academic Department. The current Chairperson of the Center is Dr. Rafiqul Huda Chaudhury and the current Executive Director is Dr. A.K. Enamul Haque. The academic world has greeted this policy pursued by East West University enthusiastically.

Benefits to students are awarded in the following forms:

1. Merit Scholarships

EWU has generous merit scholarships/financial aid programs. Financial aid amounting to Taka three crore twenty-five lakh was awarded to 1,227 students in 2006. Full-year tuition waiver merit scholarships (for a maximum of 30 credits for undergraduate students & 24 credits for graduate students) are awarded to:

(i) Top scorers in the undergraduate admission test who have a minimum score of 75% marks: 2 from the Faculty of Business and Economics, and one each from the Faculties of Sciences & Engineering and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Also awarded are top scorers in the graduate admission test who have a minimum score of 75% marks (one each in MBA and Telecommunication Engineering). (Provided a specified number of applicants appear in the test).

(ii) Students securing GPA of 5.0 in the most recent HSC examination (excluding 4th subject marks);

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- Sujit Ali Mazumder Scholarship
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- M. Mahtabuddin Scholarship
- Chamal Chandar Scholarship
- M. Sujit Ali Scholarship
- Shakina Khatun Scholarship
- Mujibur Rahman Lasker Scholarship
- Khodzera Abir Taher Scholarship
- Mouliq Muhammad Shamsher Ali Scholarship
- Momena Khatun Scholarship
- Hajee Shabuddin Scholarship
- A.B.M. Golam Mohiuddin Scholarship
- Abdul Basset Md. Haliz Scholarship
- Shedda Shafiq Banu Chaudhury Scholarship
- Abdul Kader Scholarship
- Habiba Khanum Scholarship
- Alhaj Abdur Rahman Begum Walida Rahman Scholarship

EAST WEST UNIVERSITY AT A GLANCE

Government approval: January 1996
Classes Started: September 1996
Initial Enrollment: 20 Students
Current Enrollment: Gross: 8500
(admitted so far) Net: 5000
(attending classes now)

Graduation: Convocation 2002: 96
Convocation 2003: 161
Convocation 2004: 268
Convocation 2005: 387
Convocation 2006: 416
Convocation 2007: 644

(iii) Students securing 6 (six) A's in "O" levels and 2 (two) A's in "A" levels;

(iv) Top 10% students of each batch of each undergraduate program who have completed at least 30 credits during the immediate past year with a CGPA of 3.97 and above will get full-tuition free Merit Scholarship for 30 credits and those with CGPA of 3.96 to CGPA 3.90 will get full-tuition free Merit Scholarship for 30 credits.

(v) Top 10% students of each department's graduate programs who have completed at least 24 credits during the immediate past year with a CGPA of 3.97 and above will get full-tuition free Merit Scholarship for 24 credits and those with CGPA of 3.96 to 3.90 will get full-tuition free Merit Scholarship for 24 credits.

Merit Scholarships are extendable, subject to fulfillment of requirement (iv) and (v) above. The Merit Scholarship is discontinued if any student of the undergraduate or graduate program violates the university code of conduct for students and/or if his/her CGPA dips below 3.50.

2. Directors' Scholarships

Since its inception, East West University has been awarding merit scholarships and need-based financial assistance to deserving students. Every year the university distributes at least 9% of its total earnings among 20% or more of its regular students. Such scholarships/financial assistance, however, are not available to students who have already spent the normal study time required for the programs for which they are enrolled (e.g. Bachelor's degree program students are not eligible for any scholarship/financial aid beyond the four years that are required to complete the course as a regular student). No student of the university is entitled to benefit from more than one scholarship/financial aid facility at any point of time.

According to the provision of the Private University Act, 1992, private universities are required to provide scholarships to 5 (five) percent of its mentees but poor students. Since its inception, the founders of East West University have adopted a policy of not paying any profit or dividend to themselves but have been using a good part of its operating surplus towards nurturing merit and providing financial support to those in need. In the last eight years, the scholarship and financial aid policy adopted by East West University has become a source of great encouragement for meritorious but financially constrained students.

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As is evident from the table below, the university policy is very generous in nurturing merit since an increasing percentage of tuition revenue gets ploughed back and goes to deserving students. It is worth noting that the university, as a matter of policy, encourages enrolment of mafusil and rural students who are also, therefore, beneficiaries of the scholarship and financial aid awards. Furthermore, the university has also been consciously endeavoring to increase the proportion of female students who too benefit from the scholarship & financial aid programs.

The table below shows the number of recipients/beneficiaries of various scholarship and financial aid programs in the last six years:

CHIEF ADVISER
GOVERNMENT OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

I extend my felicitations to the graduating students, teachers, parents and guardians on the Sixth Convocation Ceremony of East West University.

I believe that those graduating will contribute sincerely to the socio-economic and technological development of the country.

I wish the Convocation all success.

Fakhrul Islam
Dr. Fakhrul Islam

PRESIDENT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EAST WEST UNIVERSITY

On behalf of the Board of Directors, faculty members, management and the student body, I would like to congratulate the CLASS OF 2007, who have made it through to this privileged occasion – the Sixth Convocation Ceremony of East West University. Our motto is 'excellence in education' and you are an embodiment of this commitment to dedication, endeavor and hard work. This, certainly, is a defining moment in your lives as you stand on the threshold of an exciting and challenging future.

East West University has taken pains to prepare you to take up this challenge. We value intellectual honesty and integrity as highly as we value knowledge and achievement. We have exposed you to norms of social justice, respect and tolerance. Armed with these values and knowledge, you are now set to create your own path to a brave new world. Create it with wisdom and with responsibility. We at East West University are confident that you will be able to leave a significant mark on society.

Jalaluddin Ahmed

VICE CHANCELLOR
EAST WEST UNIVERSITY

We are extremely honoured to hold the Sixth Convocation of East West University. On behalf of the Board of Directors, faculty, management, and students – in a word the whole East West University family – I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all present on this auspicious occasion.

Let me congratulate the Class of 2007; you have made it through to this great day upholding the motto of our university, 'Excellence in Education'. Your success is the fruit of your dedication, honest endeavor, and hard work. I would also like to remind you that this is just the beginning of a long journey. For you, this is a defining moment: a transition from a world that is familiar and was created for you to one that is for now largely unknown. At this critical stage in your journey, the initiative shifts largely to you. You must seek out new challenges, seize every new opportunity, and create your own path. Create it carefully, create it well, and in creating weigh all your options wisely. I believe that, with the skills you have acquired you will do the best.

We at East West University value intellectual honesty and integrity as highly as we value academic achievement and knowledge. I urge you to use your achievements to make a mark on society with honesty and integrity.

Let me, once again, extend my best wishes to you, the new graduates, on this important occasion.

Professor Mohammed Sharif

No.	Name of Scholarship	Amount	No. of Students	No. of Recipients	Amount	No. of Students	No. of Recipients	Amount	No. of Students	No. of Recipients
1	Justice Nurul Huda-Begum Sufia Huda Scholarship	Tk. 35,000 a year			Tk. 35,000 a year			Tk. 35,000 a year		
2	Abdul Jabbar Scholarship	Tk. 35,000 a year			Tk. 35,000 a year			Tk. 35,000 a year		
3	Abdus Samad Scholarship	Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year		
4	Dutch Bangla Bank Scholarship	Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year		
5	Dutch Bangla Bank Scholarship	Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year		
6	Suraya Farashuddin Scholarship	Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year		
7	Suraya Farashuddin Scholarship	Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year			Tk. 27,000 a year		