

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

University of Texas at El Paso-UTEP  
PhD in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences (2024-Ongoing)  
Mentor: Hyejin Jung, PhD, MSW

2012: Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh  
Master of Social Work (CSWE Evaluated)  
Concentration: Child and Family Welfare

2011: Shahjalal University of Science & Technology, Sylhet, Bangladesh  
Bachelor of Social Science  
Concentrations: Social Work

### **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

September 2024- Present	Graduate Research Associate
August 2017- August 2024	Lecturer of Social Work Sylhet Government Women College, Bangladesh
August 2015- March 2017	Assistant Inspector, Secondary and Higher Education Department Ministry of Education, Bangladesh
June 2012- August 2013	Voluntary Association for Rural Development (VARD) Sylhet, Bangladesh

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING, & CERTIFICATION**

1. Improving Cultural Competency for Behavioral Health Professionals, Continuing Medical Association, <https://thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/behavioral-health>, February, 2026.
2. Geriatrics and Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia (ADRD) by Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), HRSA, January 2025
3. CITI Program course on Human Subjects Research for Social Behavioral Researchers, Record Id: 65258908, September 2024
4. 15 Days of Teachers Training on Enhanced Continuing Professional Development from Nottingham University, Malaysia Campus (Blended), March 2022
5. 07 Days of training on teachers' mental health conducted by the National University of Bangladesh, February 2023

### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Islam, M.F.,** Kamal, M.M., Amin, M.N., (2021), Role of Civil Society Organization in Government Decision-Making: An Assessment on South Asian Countries, *Jahangirnagar Journal of Administrative Studies*, No. 14, ISSN. 2311-3812, pp. 31-45

Islam, M.F (In review), Health care practices of older people in Sylhet: A study conducted in Sylhet city of Bangladesh, *Jahangirnagar Journal of Administrative Studies*

### ***Manuscripts in Progress***

1. Public Knowledge of Older Adults' Mental Health: A Study in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region.

2. Public Attitude and their Confidence of Older Adults' Mental Health: A Study in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region
3. Coping with Challenges: A Study on Job Stress and Mental Health among Primary School Teachers in Sylhet, Bangladesh.
4. Mental health challenges of older people living in the slums of Bangladesh: What can social workers do?

### **PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES**

**Islam, M. F.,** Jung, H (2026, September 11). Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Older Adults' Mental Health in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region [Poster Presentation] Viva La Salud Annual Conference, College of Health Science, University of Texas at El Paso, USA, <https://www.utep.edu/chs/research/viva-la-salud-conference.html>

**Islam, M. F.,** Jung, H (2026, April 2-4). Public Knowledge and Attitudes about Older Adults' Mental Health: A Study in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region [Poster Presentation] Annual Conference on Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA), Nashville, Tennessee, USA, <https://sssaonline.org/>

Jung, H., **Islam, M. F.,** Aguirre, K., Anaya, A., Lopez, M., & Kwon, K. (2026, January). A qualitative study of single mothers at subsidized housing: Health and well-being needs of single mothers and their children. Society for Social Work and Research 30th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, United States. <https://sswr.org/2026-conference-home/> (Co-author)

Islam, M. F. (2023, January 5-7). Mental health challenges of elderly people living in the slums of Bangladesh: What can social workers do? [Paper Presentation] 2nd International Conference on Social Work and Sustainable Social Development (ICSWSSD) 2023, Sylhet, Bangladesh, <https://icswssd.org/>

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

September 2025- Present: Principal Investigator, Systematic Review on Mental Health Literacy of Older Adults' Mental Health.

May 2025-Present: Principal Investigator, Understanding Mental Health Literacy of Older Adults' Mental Health.

September 2024-Present: Research Assistant, Health and Well-being of Single Mothers and their Children in Subsidized Housing in El Paso, Texas

June 2015 – December 2015: Research Assistant, UK-Bangladesh Education Trust (UKBET), 40 Hours per Week

### **RESEARCH/TRAVEL GRANTS**

CHS Dodson Student Research Funds (\$1000)-2025.

IHS PhD Program Research Support Fund (\$500)- 2026 and 2025.

Pascal Ngoboka Student Travel Grant, 2026 (\$300), Southwestern Social Science Association, U.S.

## **LEADERSHIP ROLE**

### **Student Representative, IHS PhD Program, UTEP (2026-2027)**

- Elected by peers to represent PhD students in program meetings and decision-making processes.
- Acted as a liaison between students and faculty, communicating concerns and advocating for student needs.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Southwestern Social Science Association.

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

SPSS, STATA, QuestionPro, MS Office, Internet Browsing and social media

## **LANGUAGE**

English and Bangla