



**Professor Muhammad Yunus,
Founder of Grameen Bank:**

“I strongly believe that we can create a poverty-free world, if we want to.... In that kind of world, [the] only place you can see poverty is in the museum. When school children will be on a tour of the poverty museum, they will be horrified to see the misery and indignity of human beings. They will blame their forefathers for tolerating this inhuman condition to continue in a massive way”.



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OVERVIEW

The Grameen Bank provides collateral-free loans to the poorest members of Bangladesh society with the goal of lifting people out of poverty. Professor Yunus, the founder of the Grameen Bank, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his critical role in the development of microfinance. The Grameen Trust, a sister organization of the Grameen Bank, aims to replicate the Grameen Bank microfinance model in other impoverished areas of the world. The Grameen Trust organizes and operates global programs whose purpose is to:

- support and promote poverty reduction
- increase employment
- increase management skills of the disadvantaged
- improve health and sanitation services for the disadvantaged

The Grameen Trust also provides training to these national and international organizations. In addition, the Grameen Trust provides support for the activities of the Grameen Bank.

PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

The Grameen NGO Undergraduate and Graduate Internship Program is offering internships to graduate and undergraduate students to work on projects at the Grameen Bank and Grameen Trust. The internship will provide valuable hands-on experience in microfinance, poverty reduction and development.

PAST PROJECTS

In the past, interns have accomplished critical tasks, including:

- Adapting the microfinance model to address the poorest sector of society, beggars.
- Restructuring the lending products to improve cash flow for struggling individuals.
- An assessment of how the current financial crisis affects microfinancing opportunities.
- Improving the operations and accounting manuals used to train partner organizations in the work of microfinance.
- A financial audit of the Grameen Bank.
- A feasibility study of producing solar panels in Bangladesh.

DATES :

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