

MEET THE INTERN

ADYAN ATIQ

TELL ME ABOUT BEING FROM BANGLADESH...

Dhaka is the capital city in the country, around 22 million people in a city that is roughly half the size of New York. It's one of the most densely populated cities in the world. What the country has historically been known for is spices and gems, but one thing it's also known for is muslin. Muslin is a hand-woven cotton that is very fine and thin. It started around the time of the East India Company and the British colonization and was exported to Europe for fashion and industry. Muslin is unique because it is so fine, you could fold the entire wrap or clothing into a matchbox. There used to be a lot of locals who could spin it, but their methods were not well documented and shared with the current and next generation, so they are trying to figure out a way to recreate that now.

Overall, Dhaka is a growing industrial city and is certainly spearheading the advancement of Bangladesh in the global arena.

HOW DID YOU END UP AT VIRGINIA TECH?

Virginia Tech was actually the only school I applied to, so if I didn't make it in, I would be missing a whole year or maybe staying in Bangladesh. Virginia Tech takes a very holistic approach to admissions and not all about test scores. In Bangladesh it's really focused on academics and I wanted to come out of my college experience with all the extracurricular areas as well. I definitely did some research early on for Industrial Engineering and Virginia Tech was ranked third on the list. So the ranking, coupled with the promises of ExperienceVT, played a big role in this decision.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP?

I am looking forward to getting a non-engineering perspective on how things work. I also hope to gain insights into conflict resolution and to become a better leader at operating within multidisciplinary teams.



- **Hometown:**
Dhaka, Bangladesh
- **Studying:**
Major in Industrial and Systems Engineering, with a minor in Green Engineering
- **Graduation Date:**
Rising junior, Class of 2024
- **Internship Rotations:**
(1) Capital Budgeting and Financing
(2) Financial Management
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WHAT ARE SOME SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES YOU BRING TO VIRGINIA TECH?

I consider myself to be competitive, a strategic thinker, and I am very deliberative.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR?

I studied physics, chemistry, and advanced math for four years in high school and realized I wanted to explore opportunities that incorporate these skills in a broader sense and allow me greater versatility.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR HOBBIES?

I love hiking, cycling, going for walks, and plane spotting. Really anything related to aviation. Want to do skydiving someday.

WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

Air Force pilot. I've always been fascinated by planes. I want to take flying lessons and be able to fly a plane one day.

IF YOU COULD ONLY KEEP 3 APPS ON YOUR PHONE, THEY WOULD BE...

Twitter, ApplePay and Google Maps

FIRST THING YOU'D BUY IF YOU WON THE LOTTERY?

Real estate land in Blacksburg... it seems like it'd be a good investment.

WHAT IS ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY YOU'D LIKE TO WITNESS?

The 1952 Bengali Language Movement, which is an iconic part of our history. This was when people of what was then East Pakistan (modern-day Bangladesh) advocated for designation of the Bengali language as the official language of the country. On February 21, there was a protest, mainly led by students and there was a clash. Police opened fire and many died. Soon after, the Bangla language received official status.

There's a very iconic song that has now been rendered in almost every language, and it is very powerful. In 1999, UNESCO designated February 21 as International Mother Language Day to mark the significance of this historical event.

WHAT'S ONE FOOD OR BEVERAGE YOU COULD NOT GO WITHOUT?

French fries

ONE OF YOUR WEIRDEST QUIRKS?

I don't use an umbrella when it's raining, even if I'm carrying one.

FAVORITE PLACE YOU'VE VISITED? SOMEWHERE YOU WANT TO VISIT?

Favorite – McAfee Knob

Would like to visit Mt. Bisoke in Rwanda some day.

WHAT'S SOMETHING YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Since coming to VT, the sense of Ut Prosim has only emboldened. Currently I serve as the President of the Council of International Student Organizations (CISO), which is one of the 21 UCSOs at VT and primarily serves the international students on campus. I truly understand the struggles and difficulties these students who come here feel, particularly if you are a first-generation student.

I really want to make sure that we can make that experience much better for international students, minority students, and offer a stronger sense of belonging in the Hokie Nation.

BEST PIECE OF ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED?

"Do whatever you think you'll enjoy, but always strive to be the best at it."
- My parents

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING RIGHT NOW?

Seinfeld. When I started watching it, it took me awhile to understand what's happening, but you soon realize that despite it being so old, you can relate to it at a crazy level. It's by far one of the most authentic sitcoms I've seen.

FAVORITE MOVIE

Roman Holiday with Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn. I'm into classics a lot. I think I saw *To Kill a Mockingbird* first starring Gregory Peck and then I saw this. It's a beautiful film, I won't spoil it for you. A close second would be *Top Gun*.