

JourneyMaa 2022: Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in applying to JourneyMaa 2022. This supporting document contains answers to frequently asked questions about JourneyMaa 2022. If you have any more questions, please contact MAA's General Secretary at saima.syed@maacharity.org
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What is JourneyMaa?

JourneyMaa is MAA's flagship project which typically takes place during the Summer. It is an exciting opportunity for you to personally deliver maternal healthcare to mothers in Sylhet, Bangladesh, and significantly improve their health outcomes. We aim to reduce the maternal mortality rate in target areas within Sylhet, where there is high rate of pregnancy or childbirth related deaths.

MAA aims to select a dedicated team of passionate volunteers from the U.K. to visit Bangladesh, and deliver our renowned, truly life-changing healthcamps in Sylhet. The selected JourneyMaa team will work alongside medical students and Bangladeshi doctors, in a collaborative effort to provide a tailored health-screening and education programme to mothers. JourneyMaa is an experience which neither you, nor the mothers you help, will ever forget, and one which has the potential to transform lives.

Who can apply to JourneyMaa?

Anyone from the UK over the age of 18 can apply to go on JourneyMaa. You do not need to be a student and you do not need to have a medical background.

How can I submit a video application?

We are offering you the opportunity to get creative and submit a video as part of your online application form. Please submit a short video (5-10 minutes) of yourself answering the questions from the online application form. This can be a simple video of yourself talking at the camera, or as extravagant as you would like! We are looking for personality, creativity and enthusiasm - so have fun and tell us why you are a great fit for the JourneyMaa team.

Once you have created your video, please upload it onto Google drive or YouTube (as an unlisted video if you wish), and copy the link to your video into the application form. Please then complete the rest of the online application, excluding the questions you have already answered in your video.

Please note, the video submission is an entirely optional alternative to written answers on the application form.

If you need more information about how to upload a video onto Google drive or Youtube, please visit:

- Uploading onto a Google drive:
<https://support.google.com/drive/answer/2424368?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>
- Changing the privacy setting of a YouTube video to unlisted:
<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/157177?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>

Do I need to be fully vaccinated to apply?

Yes, all applicants will need to be fully vaccinated to apply.

What does the application process entail?

The application process involves two stages: the online written application and in-person interviews for shortlisted candidates.

When is the online written application deadline?

Sunday 26th December 2021 at 23:59

When will I know about the outcome of my online written application?

We aim to let you know the outcome of your online written application in the first week of January.

When will interviews take place?

Interviews will take place in mid-January.

What does the interview process involve?

There will be two parts to the interview process: a team building activity and a 1-to-1 panel interview.

How many places are there for the trip?

There are a total of 18 places available on JourneyMaa 2022.

What are the dates for JourneyMaa 2022?

JourneyMaa will take place in the last two weeks of August 2022 (exact dates are to be confirmed). The team will be in Bangladesh for 14 days.

What are we looking for?

MAA is looking for dedicated and passionate individuals to visit Bangladesh, and deliver our renowned, truly life-changing health camps in Sylhet. In your application, showcase accomplishments, experiences and projects you have been a part of to demonstrate why you should be a part of the JourneyMaa team.

The JourneyMaa team works alongside Bangladeshi medical students and doctors in a collaborative effort to provide tailored health-screenings and education programmes to mothers, therefore excellent team working skills are necessary.

A key role of JourneyMaa volunteers is to act as 'Global Maternal Health Ambassadors' for MAA, both during and after their work in Bangladesh. Thus, please convey why you want to join MAA and how you can further our goal of revolutionising maternal healthcare. We have stated recommended word limits next to the application questions.

What do JourneyMaa volunteers do at the health camps?

Your main responsibilities at the health camps are as follows:

- Measuring and obtaining basic medical observations from the attending mothers, including:
 1. Blood pressure
 2. Blood glucose
 3. Urinalysis (urine dip)
- Assisting in an educational workshop, to help teach stages of pregnancy, safe motherhood, and newborn care, which have previously proven to produce positive impacts on mothers and girls attending.
- Perform an evaluation of the mother's pregnancy experience, and the health camp itself through taking a thorough history, and completing an evaluation form on behalf of the mother. This will help inform future decision making, and improve JourneyMaa for future generations.

What does the Summer Lead role involve?

Being Summer Lead involves coordinating and delegating roles in the maternal health camps, overseeing the wellbeing of your team members and being the voice of JourneyMaa 2022! You will have the role of representing the amazing work that JourneyMaa does on social media, as well as taking the lead in talking about your experiences on the ground to inspire the next generation of volunteers. If you feel you have great leadership qualities, we encourage you to apply!

How much does it cost?

You will need to cover the cost of a return flight ticket to Bangladesh and accommodation with all expenses paid, which costs approximately £1000.

Does MAA provide insurance for JourneyMaa volunteers?

You will need to take out your own travel/health insurance.

If Bangladesh is on the red list due to COVID restrictions, do I get a refund for the plane tickets?

MAA will not be responsible for ticket refunds. This will depend on numerous factors, including if this was covered in your travel insurance and if the airline permits refunds.

Can I arrange my own accommodation/transport to JourneyMaa sites?

You will be expected to stay and travel with the MAA team.

What is the fundraising target?

You are expected to fundraise £1,500.

What does your fundraising target cover?

Your fundraising target is vital in the running of health camps, including costs involved with medication, equipment, and food/drink for attending mothers. The total will also cover the cost of part of your accommodation and transport throughout the duration of the JourneyMaa mission.