

BRACU in finals of competition on tackling extremism in social media

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A team of BRAC University (BRACU) students has been selected from over 350 teams from over 65 countries to travel to Washington DC to compete with three other finalists on their ideas on tackling extremism and hate crime on social media, said a press release.

The special global university competition, EdVenture Partners Peer2Peer: Facebook Global Digital Challenge, was made available to students by The Scholar's Programme at BRACU in the Fall of 2017.

Managed by EdVenture Partners and sponsored by Facebook, the competition challenges participants to innovate possible solutions to the rise and prevalence of extremism and hate crime on social media in ways that are authentic and credible to their peers and communities.

Students Fatimah Akhtar and Zareef Tajwar Karim of anthropology at the Department of Economics and Social Sciences (ESS) teamed up with peers Adepto Intisar Ahmed of ESS, Quazi Navila Zaman of BBA and Rojin Ammar of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering to launch a social campaign titled "Get Up Speak Up".