

**PROJECT 39A**  
**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI**  
**CALL FOR INTERNS**

**Jan 3, 2019**

Project 39A (formerly Centre on the Death Penalty) is keen to develop a robust and rewarding internship programme that will provide meaningful exposure to the complexities and nuances of the criminal justice system in India. Towards that aim, we are pleased to introduce our first comprehensive internship policy, under which we seek to accept interns on a rolling basis till December 2019.

**About Project 39A:** Project 39A, erstwhile Centre on the Death Penalty, draws inspiration from Article 39-A in the Indian Constitution on equal justice and signals the broadening of our engagement with the criminal justice system in India. While continuing to work on issues faced by death row prisoners and its associated litigation, Project 39A will also undertake work on broader issues surrounding forensics, legal aid, mental health and torture within our criminal justice system. The different kinds of work undertaken are:-

**Research:** Our research efforts involve work on various aspects of the following issues:

- forensic science with a particular focus on DNA forensics
- legal aid in the criminal justice system
- mental health and forensic psychiatry
- torture
- administration of the death penalty

Our research activities use various methodologies with a significant emphasis on fieldwork and empirical analysis;

**Litigation:** To ensure competent pro bono legal representation for prisoners sentenced to death in various parts of India, irrespective of the crime;

**Eligibility:** The internship is open to students in India and other countries, enrolled in a recognized undergraduate or post-graduate programme in the law, humanities, social sciences, management or media and communications. Those enrolled in other programmes may apply but preference will be given to those enrolled in programmes listed above.

**Responsibilities:** Candidates may be asked to undertake tasks that will involve assisting with litigation activities, research projects or initiatives in public outreach. While the organisation shall attempt to account for the interests expressed by the interns, it reserves the right to allocate tasks as it deems fit as per its requirements. All members of Project 39A undertake administrative duties and therefore interns will also be expected to assist in administrative matters. Interns will be required to observe the working hours of Project 39A and work from its offices only.

**Duration:** Internships are full-time and for a period of a minimum 4 weeks to a maximum of 12 weeks. Candidates must indicate the exact dates in their application. Interns shall be based out of our offices on the NLU Delhi campus in Sector14, Dwarka, New Delhi 100078.

**Remuneration:** Interns will be paid a stipend of Rs 10,000 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) for every four week period of internship undergone.

**Application Process:** Interested applicants must apply through the online application form which is accessible on <https://www.project39a.com/internship/>. Applications that do not follow this process will not be entertained.

**NOTE:**

1. Project 39A reserves the right not to fill the internship positions.
2. Applicants should apply at least 8 weeks but not more than 12 weeks in advance from the proposed date of their internship. Please allow for at least 4 weeks for processing the applications.
3. Interns for a specific month will be finalised and intimated 6 weeks before the commencement of the month. **Only successful applicants will be contacted.**
4. Project 39A will not bear travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the interns during the period of the internship.
5. Project 39A works on behalf of all prisoners sentenced to death, regardless of the offence involved.
6. This internship programme is supported by grants received by Project 39A.
7. Students based in Delhi interested in a part-time internship while pursuing their undergraduate or post-graduate courses may follow the procedure outlined above. However, we cannot provide a stipend for such an internship. Even part-time internships will be based out of our offices on the NLU Delhi campus. For those interested in applying for such a position, please mention “Application for part-time Internship” in the relevant column in the application.