



CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATION GOVERNANCE AT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI

CALL FOR RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

The Centre for Communication Governance at the National Law University, Delhi (CCG) invites applications for research assistants, to work in various projects for its Technology and Society team and National Security and Technology team.

About the Centre for Communication Governance

The Centre for Communication Governance at National Law University Delhi was established in 2013 to ensure that Indian legal education establishments engage more meaningfully with information law and policy, and to contribute to improved governance and policy making. CCG is the only academic research centre dedicated to working on information law and policy in India, and in a short span of time has become a leading institution in the region.

Through its Technology and Society team, CCG seeks to embed human rights, constitutional rights and good governance within information policy and examine the evolution of existing rights frameworks to accommodate new media and emerging technology. It seeks to protect and expand the right to freedom of speech, right to dignity and equality, right to assembly and association, and the right to privacy in the digital age, through rigorous academic research, policy intervention, and capacity

building. The team's ongoing work includes privacy and data governance/protection, platform regulation, and intermediary liability, freedom of speech and expression, misinformation, and regulation of emerging technologies like blockchain, artificial intelligence, 5G and IoT.

This complements the work of the Technology and National Security team at CCG that focuses on issues that arise at the intersection of technology and national security law, including cyber security, information warfare, and the interplay of international legal norms with domestic regulation. The team's work aims to build a better understanding of national security issues in a manner that identifies legal and policy solutions that balance the legitimate security interests and national security choices with constitutional liberties and the rule of law, in the context of technology law and policy. The team undertakes analysis of international law as well as domestic laws and policies that have implications for national security. Our goal is to develop detail-oriented, principled and pragmatic recommendations for policy makers on national security issues faced by India, with an emphasis on cyber security and cyber conflict.

The work at CCG is designed to build competence and raise the quality of discourse in research and policy around issues concerning human rights and constitutional rights in the digital age, cybersecurity and global Internet governance. The academic research and policy output is intended to catalyze effective research-led policy making and informed public debate around issues in technology, Internet governance and information law and policy.

Role

The programme of work for research assistants at CCG is designed to build their competence around research and policy issues related to fundamental rights, human rights and national security in the context of the internet and emerging technologies in India and in turn raise the quality of discourse in this space. Research assistants' output

is intended to catalyse effective research-led policy making and consequently informed public debate as well as in depth academic work. CCG is looking for research assistants to engage in the following research work:

- Policy work: Undertake research to contribute towards CCG's policy engagements with various government institutions and ministries on key policy issues including data protection, artificial intelligence, open digital ecosystems, intermediary liability, online free speech, content regulation, national security, cybersecurity and internet governance.
- Academic research and writing: CCG regularly publishes academic writing on various subjects of information law and policy such as data privacy, online speech, platform regulation, artificial intelligence, national security, cybersecurity, and internet governance. Research assistants will engage in conducting academic research on such issues.
- Research projects: CCG has various ongoing research grants and projects around data protection and privacy, online speech, platform regulation, artificial intelligence, national security, cybersecurity, algorithmic accountability, misinformation and internet governance. Research assistants will contribute research work towards these ongoing projects.
- Blog: Develop a research idea and author a post on the [CCG blog](#).

Responsibilities

We want our research assistants to be active participants in building a collaborative, merit-led institution and a lasting community of highly motivated young researchers. All selected applicants will be expected to take substantial initiative, maintain the highest ethical standards in their work, and contribute to the institution's growth and development. The selected applicants will be a part of cutting-edge research and will

learn to work in a team, develop their research, analytical and communication skills, and be exposed to law and policy-making in the technology domain.

- The research assistantship will be for an initial period of 5 months starting from **February 23rd, 2022**. The period can be further extended based on evaluation of work. However, the confirmation of the research assistantship will be subject to evaluation of work in the first three weeks beginning from February 23rd, 2022.
- Work under each project will be designed by the staff at CCG and assigned to each research assistant on a daily or weekly basis depending on the nature of the project they are involved in.
- There will be regular discussions and feedback sessions with each research assistant to track the progress on their work and develop the research further.

Qualifications and Application Procedure

The Centre welcomes applications from 3rd, 4th and 5th year students of the B.A. LL.B. program, students from the Bridge Course, and students from the LL.M. program at National Law University Delhi. Interested applicants are required to fill in the [form](#) attached here by **February 20th, 2022**.

Please note that as part of the application you will have to submit

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Expression of interest (300 words)
3. One relevant academic writing sample of up to 1,000 words (essay or extract, published or unpublished)

The application requires the CV, Expression of Interest and Writing Sample to be merged into one pdf file, of not more than 10 MB in size labelled 'Your name- CCG' and uploaded on the form.

Other information.

- Successful applicants will be notified by **February 22nd, 2022**. Only successful applicants will be contacted.
- If you have any questions regarding the application process, please send them to ccg@nludelhi.ac.in.