

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, POLICY AND GOVERNANCE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH FELLOW

POSITION: Research Fellow – 1 post

ABOUT THE CENTRE:

The Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy and Governance works on foregrounding rights, rightslessness, and other vulnerabilities in understanding, critiquing, and reforming laws, legal institutions, and modes of governance, so that they reflect the constitutional ideals of justice. The Centre works with governmental and non-governmental organizations on various research and policy initiatives. Details about the Centre and its activities can be found at: <http://nludelhi.ac.in/res-clpg.aspx>

The Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy and Governance, NLU Delhi is seeking to hire a Research Fellow for the Centre for the “**CLPG-CRR Project.**” Details of the position advertised are as follows:

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

The Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy, and Governance, and the Center for Reproductive Rights, New York, are collaborating to undertake a study on legal barriers to abortion. The aim of the study is to understand the legal barriers to accessing safe and comprehensive abortion care and how and why these barriers place restrictions on those seeking and providing abortion services. The focus of the study will be on explicating the harm caused to women by such barriers, and suggestions for reform. The study will be based on field work as well as survey of existing literature. The field-work component of the study will involve questionnaire-based interviews of six types of stakeholders – women who have sought abortion services, abortion service providers (doctors, nurses, ASHA workers, chemists, other mediators), lawyers, government officials, activists and academicians.

The field work will take place across at least 3 states representing broad geographic diversity. Tentatively, these states are the Delhi, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu. In each state chosen for study, field sites will include a mix of urban and rural locations. Interviews and focus group discussions will be conducted in person by the study team, with the assistance, where needed, of local translators.

ROLE OF THE RESEARCH FELLOW:

The Research Fellow will work with the Directors of the Centre on this project. Work will involve conducting an extensive survey of existing literature, including an analysis of national, international and comparative norms. As already indicated, the project involves a field study and the Fellow will conduct the field-research along with colleagues at the Centre. The Fellow will also be required to supervise the work of student researchers working on the project, assist the Directors in organizing events/workshops/conferences around the project and any other activities associated with the project. He/she will also be required to work in writing the final report, along with the other Research Fellow employed for the CRR Project.

The Fellow will also be expected to participate in other activities of the Centre, and undertake administrative responsibilities and institution building exercises at the Centre.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applications are invited from interested candidates holding an undergraduate or post-graduate degree in law. Strong research and writing skills are essential. Candidates with demonstrable proficiency in issues relating to gender/reproductive rights will be preferred. A person who has experience in doing field-based projects will be preferred. Note that this is an entry-level position and would be ideal for individuals with 0-2 years PQE.

DURATION & REMUNERATION:

The Fellow will be paid a monthly salary of Rs. 50,000 per month. The position will be for a period of one year. The selected candidate will be expected to join the Centre as soon as possible.

PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING:

Interested applicants are required to send the following materials to the Executive Director, Centre for Constitutional Law, Policy and Governance at clpg@nludelhi.ac.in. The subject-line of the e-mail should state: Application for CLPG-CRR Project.

1. Curriculum Vitae
2. Contact Details of Two Referees. Referees must be informed that they may be contacted by CLPG either over email or by phone.
3. One sole authored academic writing sample (Published or unpublished).

Shortlisted candidates may be asked for additional material. Shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview. NLU Delhi or CLPG will not cover the costs for attending the interview. The last date for receiving applications is **Wednesday, December 26, 2018**.

Due to the volume of applications that we generally receive, it will not be possible to notify each applicant of the status of their application. E-mails will be sent only to shortlisted candidates.

Note: The University and CLPG reserve the right to not select any candidate for the position.