

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, PROJECT 39A
SECTOR 14, DWARKA -110078

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - ASSOCIATE (RESEARCH)

The National Law University, Delhi ('University') through Project 39A (P39A) is seeking to engage, on a contractual basis, **one Associate (Research)** at its campus in Dwarka, New Delhi. The contract will be for one year initially and can be extended on an annual basis at the discretion of the University. The Associate will be responsible for working on research and litigation related to forensic science carried out by P39A.

About Project 39A:

Project 39A (hereinafter 'P39A') draws inspiration from Article 39-A in the Indian Constitution on equal justice and signals the broadening of our work on the criminal justice system in India. We undertake litigation, research and outreach relating to forensics, torture, legal aid, forensic psychiatry and death penalty (for more information on P39A, visit www.project39a.com).

Position:

Over the last decade, the use of forensic evidence within the criminal justice system in India has increased tremendously. While this development has been an encouraging move towards conducting more scientific investigations, its implementation has been extremely poor. Currently, there is little regulation of the protocols and techniques, followed by investigative agencies, forensic medicine departments and forensic science laboratories, while dealing with forensic evidence. Further, there is a lack of legal standards for determining the validity and reliability of forensic evidence and how expert evidence must be examined. In light of this background, the Associate (Research) is expected to undertake the following:

Responsibilities:

1. Conduct research on issues relating to forensic science and its practice in India;
2. Conduct research on the status of government-run forensic science laboratories in India;
3. Participate in consultations and workshops, and develop materials aimed towards familiarising legal professionals in India with the processes and issues involved in different disciplines within forensic science;
4. Devise legal strategy and arguments on cases involving forensic evidence which are handled by P39A and carry out related research;
5. Engage with other forensic scientists, experts and laboratory officials working in government and private laboratories in India;
6. Engage with functionaries in the central and state governments as part of the P39A's research efforts;
7. Any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of the P39A.

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Qualifications:

1. Graduate with an LLB degree
2. Enrolment with any State Bar Council
3. Candidates with Masters' degree and a keen interest in forensic science will be preferred
4. Basic knowledge about the Indian criminal justice system would be desirable

Compensation: Salary will be in the range of Rs. 50,000 – 60,000 per month for a year.

Application Process: Interested persons may send their resumé and a statement of purpose, explaining their interest in working on issues of forensic science and the contribution that they see themselves making through this position. The statement of purpose must not exceed 750 words. Please send your resumé and statement of purpose to p39arecruitment@nludelhi.ac.in . The subject of the e-mail should be “Project 39A - Application for Associate (Research)”.

Deadline: Applications must reach us no later than 22 January, 2020 after which the applications will not be accepted.

Shortlisted candidates will be informed of the latest by 29 January, 2020.

Note:

1. **Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted via e-mail. If you do not hear from us within 1 week after the deadline, please assume that your application has not succeeded. Unfortunately, we cannot reply to individual queries about the status of applications.**
2. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer and P39A ensures access to legal representation for prisoners regardless of the offence.
3. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to not fill the position or vary the number of positions vacant for this call. Also, we shall be unable to cover the costs of attending interviews.
4. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to conduct additional rounds of interviews or written test.
5. The position shall be paid under the grants received by P39A, National Law University, Delhi.