

## **Student in Residence Programme**

### **Objectives:**

The Student in Residence (SIR) programme for international students at National Law University Delhi (NLU Delhi) is intended to facilitate an enriching learning experience for students from universities with which NLU Delhi has not signed a formal MoU for student exchange. This programme would provide immense opportunities for international students to learn about diverse aspects of the Indian legal system, cultural diversity of India, in-depth study of specific issues or areas of law from comparative perspectives, work with reputed scholars at world class research centres at NLU Delhi and, the opportunities for evolving life-long friendships in India, and with India! Similarly, it will also provide opportunities to students of NLU Delhi to get diverse cultural experiences, understanding of legal systems and comparative aspects of laws.

This programme is being crafted with the objective to support liberal and inclusive learning environments that enable critical and transformative learning, addressing epistemological trends in law. NLU Delhi offers interdisciplinary learning of law subjects, asking pertinent questions around 'law and society' keeping in mind the wider objective of how law translates into reality. The institutional commitment is towards creating opportunities to learn about the underpinnings around law and legal culture.

### **Background:**

Every year NLU Delhi receives communications from international students studying in foreign universities to spend a semester at NLU Delhi where NLU Delhi does not currently have a student exchange agreement. In many institutions such students are referred as "Free Mover", International Guest Student or Student in Residence. The International Relations Office of NLU Delhi wishes to facilitate such student exchanges also, as this can provide not just better international learning experiences for more students, but also lead to new student exchange agreements and academic collaborations with more universities.

**Policy:**

The following policy guidelines are recommended by the International Relations Office:

- That a NLU Delhi student applying to go to a foreign university as an SIR should be permitted if the university chosen is reputed and has a good academic environment.
- That if a foreign student comes to NLU Delhi as a Student in Residence, s/he can be permitted if the home university is reputed and has a good academic environment.
- That the reputation and academic credentials of the concerned foreign university will be assessed by a duly constituted committee for the purpose.
- That both the incoming and outgoing students under the Student in Residence programme will be self-funded.
- The fees for the Scholar in Residence programme may be decided, and periodically revised, by competent authorities of the university.
- That all the IRO Student Exchange rules will be applicable to all outgoing SIR students.
- That the IRO will have the authority to put a cap on the number of students going as SIR in a given semester.
- That the IRO will have authority to put a cap on the number of students going as SIR to a single university in a given semester.

The International Relations Office (IRO) of NLU Delhi will be the nodal office for implementation of this programme. The programme will be offered as per the guidelines provided in the Student in Residence Policy of NLU Delhi.