NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATION GOVERNANCE

Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi (India)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

RESEARCHER ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS LAW AND POLICY

The Centre for Communication Governance at the National Law University, Delhi (CCG) invites applications for one research position to work on telecommunication law and policy.

About the Centre

Centre for Communication Governance is a research centre within National Law University, Delhi, and is the first of its kind in India. Over the last few years, CCG has established itself as a leading, credible organization for research in the field of information law and policy.

The Centre through the National Law University, Delhi recently became an Academia member of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU). CCG routinely works with a range of international academic institutions and policy organizations. These include the Berkman Klein Center at Harvard University, the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy at the University of Oxford, the Center for Internet and Society at Stanford Law School, Hans Bredow Institute at the University of Hamburg, Access Now, Freedom House and the Global Network of Interdisciplinary Internet & Society Research Centers. We engage regularly with government institutions and ministries such as the Law Commission of India, Ministry of Communications & IT, Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Law & Justice. We work actively to provide the executive and judiciary with useful research in the course of their decision making.

The work at CCG is designed to build capacity and raise the quality of discourse in research and policy in the information policy space in India. Our primary focus is on around issues that concerning civil liberties and the internet, cyber-security and global Internet governance. We are looking to expand our work in the telecom sector. The research and policy output we produce is intended to catalyze effective, research-led policy making and informed public debate.

About Our Telecommunications Work

We have engaged with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) and the ITU on a number of key issues in the past. At the ITU we closely followed the negotiation of the International Telecom Regulations (ITRs) at the World Conference on International Telecommunications in 2012. We also attended the 2014 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Busan and supported the DoT in making interventions. On the domestic front, our submissions on network neutrality were well received by the TRAI and informed the ruling on differential pricing.

Through our work on these issues, we have come to realise that there is a need for better informed legal and policy decision-making in the telecom policy space. As an Academia member of the ITU, we are looking to build research capacity on telecom law and policy in India. We are uniquely placed to carry out research on these issues with a view to embed human rights and good governance principles since we are a law and governance centre within a University.

Role

CCG is a continuously evolving organization. Staff will be expected to be active participants in building a collaborative, merit-led institution and a lasting community of highly motivated young researchers. We are currently accepting applications for a Telecommunication Policy Project Manager.

A successful applicant will work across two existing teams- civil liberties and global internet governance. The former has a domestic focus, while the latter follows developments at international institutions. They will be growing a practice area within the institution while building on our existing work across the two programmes. They

will need to co-ordinate work internally and across our domestic and international networks. The telecom policy project manager will will have to interact with representatives from the government and other stakeholder groups with a view to contribute to telecom law and policy making in India. They will have to work on ways to make sure that their research has impact and is useful to domestic and international telecom processes.

All CCG staff are expected to write opinion pieces, blog posts, press releases and policy briefs. They will have organizational responsibilities such as providing inputs for grant applications, networking and designing and executing CCG events.

The position will be based out of CCG's offices at the NLU, Delhi campus, and are full-time positions in which staff are expected to commit to finishing a 2 year long project.

Qualifications

- The Centre welcomes applications from candidates with <u>advanced degrees in law international relations, public policy</u>, or the social sciences, generally.

- Candidates must have at least 4 years' experience working on telecom law and policy.

- All candidates must preferably be able to provide evidence of an interest in human rights and technology law. They must have a demonstrable capacity for high-quality, independent work. In addition, they will be expected to be passionate about making an impact in their respective work area.

- Candidates for the Telecom Policy Project Manager position must also be able to publish high quality written work and also review the written work of other fellows/intern that work at CCG.

- In addition to written work, a project/programme manager within CCG will be expected to play a significant leadership role. This ranges from proactive agenda-setting to administrative and team-building responsibilities.
- Successful candidates for the Project/Programme Manager position should show great initiative in managing both their own and their team's workloads. They will

also be expected to lead and motivate their team through high stress periods and in responding to pressing policy questions.

However, the length of your resume is less important than the other qualities we are looking for. As a young, rapidly-expanding organization, we anticipate that all researchers at CCG will have to manage large burdens of substantive as well as administrative work in addition to research. We are looking for highly motivated candidates with a deep commitment to building information policy that supports and enables human rights and democracy. We are looking for people who see good research and policy designs as a way to build a better world. Since we are still new and forming our identity, we are looking for energetic institution-builders who are able to build and manage teams and can communicate their enthusiasm and work ethic to the people they manage.

At CCG, we aim high and ask a lot of each other in the workplace. We take great pride in high-quality outputs and value. We work hard at maintaining the highest ethical standards in our work and workplace, and at being as kind and generous as possible to colleagues, collaborators and everyone else within our networks. A sense of humour will be most welcome. **Even if you do not necessarily fit requirements mentioned in above but bring to us the other qualities we look for, we would love to hear from you.**

[The Centre reserves the right to not fill the position(s) if it does not find suitable candidates among the applicants.]

Remuneration

The salaries will be competitive, and will usually range from Rs. 65,000 to Rs. 80,000 per month, depending on multiple factors including relevant experience and the larger research project under which candidates' work can be accommodated.

Where candidates demonstrate exceptional competence in the view of the Centre's Executive Director, there is a possibility for greater remuneration.

Procedure for Application

Interested applicants are required to send the following information and materials by **15th December 2016** to the Registrar, National Law University, Delhi at registrarnlud@nludelhi.ac.in. **Applications must also be marked to ccgcareers@nludelhi.ac.in**. Please mention "GIG-Telecom" in your subject line.

1. Curriculum Vitae (maximum 2 double spaced pages)
2. Expression of Interest in joining CCG (maximum 500 words).
3. Contact details for two referees (at least one academic). Referees must be informed that they might be contacted for an oral reference or a brief written reference.
4. One academic writing sample of between 1000 and 1500 words (essay or extract, published or unpublished).

Shortlisted applicants may be called for an interview.