



## **NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI**

### **CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATION GOVERNANCE**

Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi (India)

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The National Law University, Delhi invites applications for various research and policy positions at the Centre for Communication Governance. The positions will be based out of the Centre's offices and will ordinarily run full time for a duration of one to two years, with an option of further extension at the discretion of the University.

#### ***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. It is meant to ensure that the Indian legal education establishment engages more meaningfully with communication law and policy, and offers academic contribution to communication policy making. Over the course of three years, CCG has established itself as a leading, credible organization for research in the field of information law and policy.

The Centre routinely works with a range of international academic institutions and policy organizations. These include the Berkman 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 University, 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 on issues relating to civil liberties, cybersecurity and technology.

## ***About Our Work***

The work at CCG is designed to build competence and raise the quality of discourse in research and policy around issues concerning civil liberties and the Internet, cybersecurity and global Internet governance. The research and policy output is intended to catalyze effective, research-led policy making and informed public debate around issues of technology and Internet governance. Our work covers the following broad areas:

1. ***Freedom of Speech & Expression:*** Research in this area engages with questions concerning the development of the human rights and civil liberties discourse in the context of the Internet and emerging communication technology in India. This addresses research questions relating to the impact of any of the fundamental rights in Part III of the Indian Constitution. We are particularly interested in work relating to law criminalizing speech from a doctrinal and empirical perspective. Research on this track squarely addresses the research gap around the architecture of the Internet and its impact on free expression. An overarching focus of this area is studying the manner in which the public sphere is constructed in the new media.
2. ***Markets and Public Interest:*** The research under this area considers questions of access, including how the human right to free speech could help to guarantee access to the Internet. Our research identifies areas where the intervention of competition law will ensure free, fair and human rights-compatible access to the Internet, and opportunities to communicate using online services. Work in this area considers how existing competition and consumer protection law could be applied to ensure that freedom of expression in new media, and particularly the internet, is protected given market

realities on the supply side. We have under this track produced research on net neutrality that is closely associated to the competition, innovation, media diversity and protection of human rights especially rights to free expression and the right to receive information and particularly to substantive equality across media. The Markets and Public Interest theme also engages with existing theories of media pluralism in this context.

3. **Privacy, Surveillance & Big Data:** Research in this area considers questions concerning the treatment of personal data by large public and private data collectors and processors. This track closely examines surveillance as well as data protection practices, laws and policies. Our research focusses on normative questions that arise in the context of surveillance or data protection, or at empirical work, including data gathering and analysis, with a view to enabling policy and lawmakers to better understand the pragmatic concerns in developing realistic and effective privacy frameworks. This includes the debate around the right to be forgotten and data localization, and the manner in which standards for encryption that effectively balance between privacy and security concerns, should be conceived. In the context of the business process outsourcing industry, research under this can consider international trade law questions, particularly the manner in which flows of data and online services are treated as they flow across borders.
4. **Cyber Security:** There is at present only a very limited understanding of issues around cyber security and cyber conflict. The work under this track focuses on assessing the effectiveness of legal and policy solutions both globally and domestically. It produces insightful research inputs to supplement cybersecurity policy debates in India and influence policy making on critical issues that allow the securing of a safe cyberspace.

Research in this area includes analysing existing principles in public international law including the laws of war applicable to cyber warfare and cyber conflict. The investigation in this area looks at how far an analogy to conventional warfare and armed conflict is sustainable and whether (and, if yes, how far) the international law binding

India on these issues would be relevant online. It looks closely at the multitude of issues of national security from a human rights compatible cybersecurity perspective including protection of national critical information infrastructure and online extremism.

5. **Global Internet Governance:** The Centre's work on global Internet governance engages with international institutions that make rules on the Internet. Our research analyses contemporary policy discourse from the lens of institutional accountability. It also contributes to creating competence in Internet governance in India across the various global fora in which these issues are being deliberated. On the policy side, we follow and comment on policy processes at international internet governance institutions like the Internet Corporation on Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), UN World Summit on Information Society (WSIS), the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) among others. Our academic research applies governance and regulatory theory to Internet governance processes as it relates to access, participation and engagement. This involves collecting and analysing historical and current information concerning the interests and positions of nations from the global south generally, and India in particular, and provide context and analysis in real time to Indian stakeholders, including the government.

### ***Role***

CCG is a young and continuously evolving organization and the members of the centre are expected to be active participants in building a collaborative, merit-led institution and a lasting community of highly motivated young researchers.

Selected applicants will ordinarily be expected to design and produce units of publishable research. They will also be recommending and assisting with designing and executing policy positions and external actions on a broad range of information policy issues.

Equally, they will also be expected to participate in other work, including writing opinion pieces, blog posts, press releases, policy briefs, and help with strategic litigation support

and outreach. The selected applicants will also represent the Centre in the media and at other events, roundtables, and conferences and before relevant governmental, and other bodies. In addition, they will have organizational responsibilities such as providing inputs for grant applications, networking and designing and executing Centre events.

### ***Qualifications***

- The Centre welcomes applications from candidates with degrees in law, international relations, public policy, or the social sciences, generally. An advanced degree in any of these programmes is preferred.
- All candidates must preferably be able to provide evidence of an interest in civil liberties and human rights/ technology law and/or policy/ Internet governance as well. In addition, they must have a demonstrable capacity for high-quality, independent work.

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 members of the Centre 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 very high and we demand a lot of each other in the workplace. We take great pride in high-quality outputs and value individuality and perfectionism. We also look to maintain the highest ethical standards in our work and workplace, and while managing all of this while 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 the requirements mentioned in the two**

bulleted points 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 ₹ 50,000 to ₹ 80,000 per month, depending on multiple factors including relevant degree, experience and the larger research project under which candidates' proposals 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 **12<sup>th</sup> April 2016** to the Registrar, National Law University, Delhi at [registrarnlud@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:registrarnlud@nludelhi.ac.in). **Applications must also be marked to [ccg@nludelhi.ac.in](mailto:ccg@nludelhi.ac.in).**

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).
5. Shortlisted applicants may be called for an interview.