



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

CENTRE ON THE DEATH PENALTY

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (RESEARCH) - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

3 December, 2015

Position: The National Law University, Delhi ('University') is seeking to engage, on a contractual basis, **Research Associates (Research)** for the Centre on the Death Penalty at its campus in Dwarka, New Delhi. The contract will be for one year initially and can be extended by another year at the discretion of the University.

About the Centre on the Death Penalty: The Centre was set up in August 2014 and undertakes litigation, research and outreach relating to the death penalty. The Centre was formed following the Death Penalty Research Project ('the Project') undertaken by the University since July 2013 in collaboration with the National Legal Services Authority (for more details, visit www.deathpenaltyindia.com). The Centre provides pro bono legal assistance to several prisoners sentenced to death across the country.

Currently, the Centre has four (4) full-time Research Associates in litigation and research roles in addition to the Director of the Centre.

Project Description: The Centre will be conducting an empirical and doctrinal study on mental health and prisoners sentenced to death in India, and allied issues. The focus of the study will be to enquire into, evaluate, assess and analyse the effect of the death sentence on the mental health of death row prisoners, culminating in a report. The project will involve working with mental health professionals, prison authorities and government functionaries.

Responsibilities:

- A. Develop a research framework and roadmap for the research project.
- B. Engage and coordinate with functionaries in the central and state governments.
- C. Engage with the Department of Prisons and prison officials in various States.
- D. Engage and coordinate with National and State Mental Health Hospitals as well as other mental health professionals.
- E. Conduct, in person, interviews with prisoners sentenced to death.
- F. Undertake field visits to track down and interview families of prisoners sentenced to death and lawyers who represented the prisoner at the Trial Court, High Court or Supreme Court.
- G. Collect case records maintained by prisons, previous lawyers, family members or court record rooms.
- H. Analyse the findings of and write a report on the project.
- I. Organise training workshops and conferences.
- J. Present the work of the Centre at appropriate fora.



K. Any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of the Centre.

Qualifications:

- A. A Masters degree in sociology, psychology, criminology, or in related disciplines.
- B. Those with two years experience in social research will be given strong preference.
- C. Knowledge and understanding of prisoners' rights and law is desirable.
- D. Ability to read/ write/ speak regional Indian languages will be an advantage but is not mandatory.

Compensation: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be within the range of Rs. 50,000-Rs.60,000 per month.

Application Process: Interested persons may send their resumé and a statement of purpose, explaining their interest in working on issues of death penalty and the contribution that they see themselves making to the Centre's work. The statement of purpose must not exceed 500 words.

Email:

Please send your resumé and a statement of purpose to the Registrar (registrarnlud@nludelhi.ac.in) with a copy marked to deathpenalty@nludelhi.ac.in. The subject of the e-mail should be "**Centre on the Death Penalty- Application for Research Associate (Research)**". The cover letter must state (Attn: Director, Centre on the Death Penalty.)

OR

Post/Courier:

The postal address is "Registrar, National Law University, Delhi, Sector 14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110 078". The envelope must have super scribed on it, "**Centre on the Death Penalty- Application for Research Associate (Research)**" and addressed to the Registrar, National Law University, Delhi. The cover letter must state (Attn: Director, Centre on the Death Penalty.)

The University reserves the right to conduct interviews and not fill these positions. The University will be unable to cover the costs for attending the interview but the possibility of a telephonic/video interview can be explored.

Deadline: Applications must reach us no later than 24th December 2015.

Interviews for shortlisted candidates may be conducted on 16th and 17th January, 2016

Note:

1. The Centre works on behalf of all prisoners sentenced to death, regardless of the offence involved.
2. The positions in this call are supported by a grant from the European Union.
3. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer.