



PROJECT 39A
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**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI
PROJECT 39A**

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT - ASSOCIATE (RESEARCH)

Position: National Law University, Delhi (“University”) through Project 39A is seeking to engage on a contractual basis, one (1) Associate (Research) for its work on mental health and criminal law. The project will inquire into the appreciation of mental health concerns of the accused at various stages of the trial process by conducting doctrinal as well as empirical research. The Associate (Research) will be responsible for designing and implementing the aforementioned project, along with other research tasks.

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 its work on the criminal justice system in India. It undertakes litigation, research and outreach relating to forensics, torture, legal aid, forensic mental health and death penalty (for more information on P39A, visit www.project39a.com).

About P39A’s work on Mental Health and Criminal Law: P39A’s work on mental health and death penalty has indicated the need to examine broader issues pertaining to mental health within criminal law. There is a need to generate empirical evidence regarding mental health concerns of the accused and the manner in which it interacts with the criminal trial in terms of competence to stand trial, the insanity defence and sentencing. There is also a lack of doctrinal work on the intersection of mental health and criminal law in India. Given the implication of the issue on the right to fair trial, P39A’s research work on mental health and criminal law has an empirical as well as doctrinal component and will engage on issues of competence, insanity defence, and sentencing, to further the discourse on issues of responsibility in criminal law.

Responsibilities:

- A. Contribute to developing and implementing the framework for furthering the work on mental health and criminal law;
- B. Undertake fieldwork for the purposes of the empirical project, including observing trials, interviewing prisoners, prison authorities and mental health professionals;
- C. Review case records of prisoners for the purposes of the project;

- D. Engage with various Central and State agencies involved in the administration of the Indian criminal justice system;
- E. Undertake doctrinal analysis of Indian as well as comparative laws on mental health and criminal law;
- F. Collate, analyse and publish findings of the fieldwork;
- G. Present the work of P39A at appropriate fora;
- H. Participate in and contribute to the overall research efforts at P39A;
- I. Undertake administrative or any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of P39A.

Qualifications:

- A. LL.B is a mandatory requirement and LL.M would be preferable
- B. Familiarity with concepts in mental health would be an advantage;
- C. Experience in empirical research would also be considered an advantage;
- D. Apart from English, proficiency in at least one Indian language is mandatory. Proficiency in Marathi is preferred.

Compensation: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be in the range of Rs. 50,000 – 60,000 per month. Exceptions may be made commensurate with experience.

Application Process: Interested persons may send their résumé and a brief statement outlining the likely contributions to our work. The statement of purpose must not exceed 750 words. Please email your résumé and statement of purpose to p39arecruitment@nludelhi.ac.in. The subject of the email should be “**Application for Associate (Research) - Mental Health Project.**”

Deadline: Applications must reach us no later than **midnight of 21st July 2019**. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Shortlisted candidates shall be informed about the next round in the selection process via email.

Note:

1. P39A ensures access to legal representation for prisoners regardless of the offence.
2. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer.
3. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to conduct interviews and not fill these positions.
4. National Law University, Delhi is unable to cover the costs of travel and accommodation for attending the selection interviews.
5. The position shall be paid under the grants received by P39A, National Law University, Delhi.