

**NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI
PROJECT 39-A
(FAIR TRIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME)**

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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ‘LEGAL RESEARCHER-CONSULTANT’ FOR THE
‘FAIR TRIAL FELLOWSHIP, PROJECT39A, NLU DELHI’**

Position: The National Law University, Delhi (“University”) through Project 39A is seeking to engage a ‘Legal Researcher- Consultant’ on a contractual basis for the Fair Trial Fellowship Programme (Programme) supported by a grant from the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI). The Legal Researcher-Consultant will be responsible for designing as well as implementing research projects as part of the Programme on issues around criminal justice, legal aid and fair trials which is supported by a grant from the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives (APPI). The period of engagement will be for 7 months and any extension will be subject to the needs of the Programme and availability of funds.

About Project 39A:

Project 39A draws inspiration from Article 39-A in the Indian Constitution on equal justice and signals the broadening of our work on the criminal justice system in India. We undertake litigation, research and communications relating to forensics, torture, legal aid, mental health and death penalty (for more information, visit www.project39a.com).

About the programme: The Fair Trial Programme commenced in August 2018 and has established a Fellowship programme to support empanelled legal aid lawyers under the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) framework. The twin goals of the programme are to reduce the undertrial population in prisons in Pune and Nagpur and to work with the legal aid system in Maharashtra. To this end, the programme includes a research as well as a litigation component. The Programme currently has offices in Pune and Nagpur.

Number of Positions: One Position

Roles and responsibilities:

- Research on a range of issues around the criminal justice system including bail, capacity to stand trial, functioning of trial courts and legal aid and other allied topics.
- Contribute to developing and implementing the framework, methodology of research projects and implement the fieldwork.
- Undertake fieldwork for the purposes of the project, including observing and facilitating trials, interviewing prisoners, police personnel and other stakeholders.
- Engage with various central and state agencies involved in the administration of the criminal justice system in India.
- Collate, analyse and publish findings of the fieldwork.
- Devise and implement litigation strategies.
- Analyse case progress.
- Work towards strengthening legal support systems.
- Present the work of Project 39A at appropriate fora.
- Participate in and contribute to the overall research and public communications efforts at Project 39A.
- Undertake administrative or any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of Project 39A.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Graduate with an LLB degree
2. Candidates with an LLM or Masters in Social Sciences like Anthropology, Social Work, Sociology criminology or other fields related to the programme will be preferred. Prior Experience in Socio-Legal Research and/or issues related to the criminal justice system. Prior research experience of a minimum of 2 years is preferable
3. Proficiency in English is necessary. Ability to read/ write/ speak Marathi will be an advantage but is not mandatory.
4. Good research and writing skills

[The above qualifications may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances]

Compensation: Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and will be as per prevalent standards.

Application Process: Interested persons **may send their résumé and a brief statement, not exceeding 750 words, outlining the likely contributions to our work and explaining their interest in working on this programme.** Applicants are also required to fill in their details into the form via the link given <https://forms.gle/DktqNcG61deCKWZS8>

Intimation regarding dates and selection rounds will be given to the shortlisted candidates by email.

Email: Interested persons must send their resume and statement of purpose (SOP) to p39arecruitment@nludelhi.ac.in and the subject of the email should be “**Fair Trial Fellowship – Application for Legal Researcher-Consultant**”

Deadline: Applications received **after midnight of March 31, 2021 will not be considered.** The shortlisted candidates shall be informed about the next round in the selection process via email. The interview might be held in an online or offline mode. There will be multiple rounds of written tests and interviews.

Note:

1. National Law University, Delhi is an equal opportunity employer.
2. Project 39-A ensures access to legal representation for prisoners regardless of the offence.
3. National Law University, Delhi reserves the right to conduct interviews and not fill the positions.
4. National Law University, Delhi is unable to cover the costs of attending interviews.
5. These positions shall be paid under the grant received under Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives received by Project 39A, National Law University, Delhi.
6. This is not an advertisement for regular government service.
7. Please read this call completely before calling/emailing for further clarification.
8. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted via email. If you do not hear from us within 4 weeks of the deadline, please assume that your application has not succeeded. Unfortunately, we will not be able to reply to individual queries about the status of applications
