

Call for Applications: Post of Research Fellow

About the Job Opportunity

The National Law University –Delhi (NLU) invites applications for the post of a full-time Research Fellow for a project titled Multi-scalar Dimensions of Sectoral Water Conflicts Through the Lens of Water Security. The position is initially for a one year period, that is, April 2025 to March 2026 (extendable up to five years, depending on performance).

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Research Fellow include -

- Conducting law research, including case law research (lower courts, high courts, Supreme Court, National Green Tribunal);
- Developing and managing an extensive research database ;
- Assisting with the fieldwork;
- Organising project workshops and meetings;
- Assisting with collation, analysis and publication of research findings;
- Assisting with research administration.

Eligibility for the Role

- Essential: Law graduate (LLB); demonstrable interest in water law, policy and governance in India;
- English proficiency;
- Proficiency in MS Office applications;
- Desirable: LLM/ PhD degree in law; prior experience of working on a water law and policy or environmental law project; Hindi proficiency.

Remuneration

Approximately ₹ 40,000 per month (with an annual increase, where the contract is extended)

How to Apply?

Interested persons should complete the form in [this link](#) and submit it with the following three documents:

- (a) your résumé/CV (maximum two pages);
- (b) A 500-word write-up addressing the following question: ‘What is the link between water-related conflicts in India, the enjoyment of human rights, and tackling climate change?’; and
- (c) a brief statement (maximum 250 words) outlining your likely contributions to the project and how you satisfy these essential/desirable qualifications and skills required for this post.

Please ensure that the submitted application includes the completed form as well as the three attachments (see (a), (b) and (c) above) to be pasted inside the form.

Application Deadline:

5 pm on Friday 28 March 2025

Note:

- 1) Only the candidates shortlisted for an interview will be contacted via email.
- 2) NLUD is an equal opportunity employer.
- 3) NLUD reserves the right to not fill the position or vary the number of positions vacant for this call. Interviews will be held online.
- 4) NLUD reserves the right to conduct additional rounds of interviews.
- 5) Only complete applications, which follow the guidance given above will be considered.

Annex – About the project

The number and significance of water conflicts occurring at different levels has been increasing rapidly. This is due in part to water scarcity caused, among other things, by growing and changing water use, and climate change, which threatens water security from individuals and communities to the global level. Addressing these conflicts is crucial to the realisation of the human right to water and more broadly to achieving sustainable social and economic development while protecting water sources.

From a legal perspective, conflicts arising from water allocation between different uses, such as drinking water, irrigation, and industrial use, are one of the least-studied categories of conflicts. The project focuses on conflicts linked to allocation of water within one category of use (intra-sectoral) and allocation from one use of water to other uses (inter-sectoral). The project's hypothesis is that water use conflicts are protracted and lack effective solutions because they are often addressed only at specific scales and without considering their inter-sectoral and multi-scalar dimensions.

The project focuses on the legal aspects of water allocation to prevent sectoral water conflicts and to foster their resolution. This is framed around the concept of water security, through which the broader environmental and human dimensions of water conflicts can be examined. It uses a multi-scalar approach that links detailed considerations related to the realisation of the human right to water at the local level and threats posed by climate change from the local to the global level.