



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI

PRESENTS

# EKLAVYA

— 2.0 —

PH.D. COLLOQUIUM  
2026

**8-9 AUGUST 2026**

# INTRODUCING 'EKLAVYA 2.0 – PH.D. COLLOQUIUM (2026)'

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Doctoral research often sets the direction of a scholar's future work. It is at this stage that the terms of inquiry are first seriously tested, where concepts are sharpened, commitments clarified, lines of argument made defensible, and where intellectual habits begin to take durable shape. As inferred from Lev Vygotsky, "social interaction precedes development; consciousness and cognition are the end product of socialization and social behavior."<sup>[1]</sup> In this sense, doctoral work is most effectively developed through processes of critical review and constructive scholarly feedback, enabling research to be rigorously challenged, sharpened and advanced through interdisciplinary engagement.

Recognizing the value of such sustained intellectual exchange, National Law University Delhi (NLUD) presents Eklavya 2.0 – Ph.D. Colloquium (2026), as a vibrant forum for multidisciplinary academic engagement among doctoral scholars in law and social sciences. The Colloquium offers an academic space for scholars to present and refine their research, critically situate their work, and engage in peer learning and mentorship, fostering rigorous intellectual exchange across disciplines.

In 2026, Eklavya 2.0 extends an open invitation to all doctoral scholars from within and beyond NLUD, engaged in contemporary legal themes or in non-law disciplines but working on legal/justice/policy issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, to submit their research proposals. Selected participants will present their work and engage in intensive discussions and feedback sessions before expert panels classified based on their subject area. To ensure convenience and enable broad participation, travel allowance and accommodation will be provided to all selected participants. From this cohort, a small number of promising scholars will be invited to join NLUD as 'Research Affiliates', continuing to develop their research with sustained and structured institutional support.

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[1] Talib, T., & Cheung, Y. L. (2017). Collaborative writing in classroom instruction: A synthesis of recent research. *The English Teacher*, 46(2), 43-57.

# HISTORY OF THE EKLAVYA PROGRAMME

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The National Law University Delhi (NLUD) launched the Eklavya Research Affiliation Programme in 2023 with the aim of fostering high-quality legal scholarship that meaningfully incorporates the experience and perspectives of individuals beyond the University. Through this initiative, NLUD identifies and collaborates with 'Research Affiliates' to support the development of such scholarship.

The Programme has since evolved into two distinct tracks. Eklavya 1.0 engages legal professionals across diverse fields of practice, while Eklavya 2.0 is oriented towards early career scholars working within interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary frameworks. Together, these tracks create a structured platform for collaboration, enabling the production and dissemination of rigorous, integrated scholarship through academic publications.

In 2025, NLUD launched Eklavya 2.0, the Eklavya Research and Writing Programme (ERWP) with early career scholars, to foster and sustain multidisciplinary engagement between scholars in law and the social sciences. As part of this initiative, interested research scholars from within and beyond the University participated in a two-day workshop. Selected participants presented their research and engaged in intensive research and writing masterclasses led by experts in the field. Following the workshop, two participants were designated as 'Research Affiliates' and continued to develop their work with structured institutional support from NLUD.

# APPLICATION

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Interested contributors must complete an online application form and upload the documents mentioned hereunder:

## 1. RESEARCH PROPOSAL WITH THE FOLLOWING CONTENTS (MAX 2000 WORDS, EXCLUDING FOOTNOTES):

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- Introduction
  - Literature Review
  - Statement of Problem and its Relevance of Study
  - Research Questions and Scope of Research
  - Methodology
  - Citation Style: OSCOLA or APA
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## 2. LATEST CV

## 3. PH.D. ID PROOF

Applications for this cycle must be submitted only by using the online form available at <https://forms.gle/QBiSATotiibNmvW57> by 5:00PM, 31 May 2026.

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# PLAGIARISM AND AI POLICY

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1. As per the applicable UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Education Institutions) Regulations, 2018, applicants shall ensure the similarity index is under 10%.

2. Applicants shall mandatorily disclose the use of any AI tools, affirming that the intellectual content is their own, and ensure AI content (AI-generated text and AI-paraphrased text) stays below the threshold of 10%.

# ACCOMMODATION & HONORARIUM

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1. A participating grant of Rs. 5000/- will be paid to the selected candidates to facilitate participation in the two-day workshop.
2. Accommodation will be provided on double sharing basis.

# CERTIFICATE

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Certificates will be given to all the candidates participating in the Colloquium.