

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ABOUT CONTRACTUAL POSITIONS UNDER PROJECT 39-A

Project 39A is one of the most distinguished and impactful centres at the National Law University Delhi (NLUD). Over the years, it has earned national and international recognition for its contributions to access to justice, legal aid, criminal justice reform, and empirical legal research. The University has recently reconstituted the leadership of Project 39A and is in the process of expanding its team to strengthen its work in research-driven policy, training and capacity-building, and institutional reform within the criminal justice system.

The University invites applications from meritorious and motivated candidates for the following full-time contractual positions under Project 39A at its campus in Dwarka, New Delhi:

POSITION DETAILS

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Positions	Eligibility, Selection Criteria & Remuneration	Application Form Link
1	Litigation Cum Research - Associate	01	Annexure 'A'	https://careers.nludelhi.ac.in/
2	Academic Fellow	01	Annexure 'B'	https://careers.nludelhi.ac.in/

ROLE AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. LITIGATION CUM RESEARCH - ASSOCIATE

Role and Responsibilities:

- Conduct legal and empirical research in areas related to criminal justice and access to justice
- Undertake fieldwork for the purposes of research
- Collate, analyse and publish findings of research
- Assist in preparing reports, policy briefs, and academic outputs
- Contribute to litigation strategy and legal drafting where required
- Brief and assist senior advocates and advocates on record
- Support Project 39A's engagement with courts, institutions, and stakeholders
- Contribute to developing, implementing and expanding Project 39A's research projects and databases related to the death penalty
- Present the work of P39A at appropriate for a. Undertake administrative or any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of Project 39A

Eligibility:

- A. Graduate with a degree in law.
- B. Familiarity with criminal law and the Indian criminal justice system is a strong requirement.
- C. Apart from English, proficiency in at least one Indian language is mandatory.

Desirable:

- A. Prior experience in litigation, legal research, or policy work
- B. Publications or writing in relevant areas

2. ACADEMIC FELLOW**Role and Responsibilities:**

- A. Manage and coordinate research and policy projects under Project 39A
- B. Support the design and implementation of empirical and qualitative research
- C. Coordinate with researchers, institutions, and external stakeholders
- D. Engage with various central and state agencies involved in the administration of the Indian criminal justice system
- E. Contribute to publications, reports, and dissemination of research findings
- F. Organise events, workshops, and stakeholder engagements
- G. Undertake administrative or any other work that may be necessary to further the aims of Project 39A

Eligibility:

- A. LL.M. or a relevant Master's degree with at least 55% marks (or equivalent grade)
- B. Strong academic record
- C. Prior experience in research, project coordination, or policy work

Desirable:

- A. Experience in fieldwork, data collection, and managing research projects
- B. Familiarity with criminal justice systems, legal aid, or access to justice issues

Annexure 'A' & 'B'**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS****1. Remuneration & period of appointment on contract**

- The selected candidates will receive a monthly remuneration funded by Project 39A.
- The selected candidates will receive a consolidated remuneration of INR 50,000 (Rupees Fifty Thousand) per month (subject to TDS deduction @10% under the Income Tax Act).
- The appointment will be for an initial period of one year, with the possibility of extension based on satisfactory performance and the availability of funds under Project 39A.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Interested candidates must submit their applications **exclusively through the online form** provided in this advertisement.
- **Deadline:** Applications must be submitted by **20 April, 2026**.
- **Mode of Submission:** Physical or email applications will not be considered.
- Candidates must upload the following documents in serial order (in PDF format in one file) while submitting online application:
 - a) Resume with complete academic details (percentage of Marks/Grade in (LL.B./LL.M/Masters), including specialization of LL.M., publications authored or co-authored, if any
 - b) Self-certified copy of undergraduate degree, Statement of Marks, clearly indicating date and year of graduation
 - c) Self-certified copy of master's degree, Statement of Marks, clearly indicating date and year of graduation
 - d) Experience certificate, if applicable
 - e) Statement of Purpose (750 words)
 - f) Any other document relevant to this application not already submitted above

3. SELECTION PROCESS:

- Candidates will be shortlisted based on an evaluation of their application contents.
- Shortlisting does not guarantee an interview or final selection.
- Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview, the details of which will be communicated separately.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

1. Candidates applying for a post must ensure that they fulfil all the eligibility conditions on the last date fixed for receipt of applications. If on verification at any stage, before or after the selection, it is found that the candidate did not fulfil any of the eligibility condition(s) as on the last date or the information furnished is false or incorrect, his candidature will be cancelled/his services will be terminated.
2. The possession of a prescribed essential qualification does not entitle a candidate to be called for interview. The decision of the University in all matters relating to acceptance or rejection of an application, eligibility/suitability of the candidates, or the criteria for selection, etc. will be final and binding on the candidates. No inquiry or correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
3. The University reserves the right to withdraw this advertisement or increase the number of post at any time without assigning any reason.
4. The rules and regulations of National Law University Delhi will be applicable on the selected candidate.
5. This position is limited and it shall have no claim whatsoever for regularization in this University. It shall also not carry the service benefits, which are generally admissible to the regular faculty members of the University.
6. The eligibility of every candidate will be determined on the basis of qualifications acquired and communicated to the office by him/her up to the last date fixed for receipt of applications. No certificate/document will be considered after the last date.

7. Application not supported with the required application fee, self-attested copies of certificates/testimonials will be rejected.
8. Incomplete applications or the applications received without the prescribed fee or received after the last date of receipt of applications will be rejected and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard.
9. Those who are already in employment should submit their Application Form through the proper channel.
10. Concealment of facts or supply of wrong information will result in cancellation of candidature in addition to legal action.
11. Candidates shall be called for interview after due scrutiny and short listing of the applications. Being eligible shall not confer any right to be called for interview.
12. The University reserves the right to withhold the post at any stage before appointment.
13. Canvassing in any form may lead to cancellation of candidature. Your appointment may be cancelled at any time in case of any misconduct, unsatisfactory work or if the candidate is found ineligible later.
14. The appointment shall be subject to verification of antecedents.
15. No TA/DA will be paid for attending interaction/interview for the post.
16. Suppression of factual information, supply of fake documents, providing false or misleading information or any other undesirable action by the candidate shall lead to cancellation of his /her candidature. In case, it is detected at any point of time in future even after appointment that the candidate was not eligible as per the prescribed qualification, experience etc. which could not be detected at the time of written test/ interview due to whatever circumstances, his/her appointment shall be liable to be terminated forthwith as per this clause and also based on his/her undertaking.
17. Please direct any queries to opportunities@nludelhi.ac.in

The updates, if any, shall be published on the University Website only (www.nludelhi.ac.in).

Interested candidates should apply only online up to **20 April, 2026**. The candidates are required to pay non-refundable application fee of Rs.1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) online. SC/ST and PwD category candidates are exempted from application fee.

Please access the [application form](#) here. Last date for submission: 5:00 PM on **20 April, 2026**.

Date: 01.04.2026
Place : New Delhi

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