



Victim Advocacy Project

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS : LITIGATION FELLOWSHIP (VAP)

National Law University Delhi (NLU Delhi), through the Victim Advocacy Project (VAP) invites applications for the position of Litigation Fellows.

- **TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT:** Contractual ; Retainer
- **JOINING DATE:** 1st July 2026
- **DURATION:** 18 months
- **LOCATION:** DELHI NCR
- **STIPEND:** Rs. 30,000 pm + up to Rs. 2000 (reimbursements for case management costs)
- **MINIMUM QUALIFICATION:** Graduate of a three (3) or five (5) year LL.B. programme
- **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** 20.06.2026, 11:59 PM

About the Victim Advocacy Project

VAP is a justice-focused initiative aimed at strengthening victims' access to the criminal justice system through structured legal representation and sustained advocacy. The Project addresses long-standing gaps in legal assistance and victim participation by providing continuous, professional support from FIR to trial, appeal, and rehabilitation. It seeks to re-centre victims as rights-bearing individuals within adversarial proceedings and to build an adaptable model of victim advocacy through the integration of litigation, research, and field engagement

About the Fellowship

The Litigation Fellowship 18 month immersive programme for early-career lawyers to engage in hands-on criminal litigation while working directly with victims of crime. Fellows will undertake end-to-end casework, including legal strategy, drafting, court appearances, and stakeholder coordination, while working closely with vulnerable victims and their families.

Fellows will be attached to **mentors (senior lawyers and organisations)**, and will receive continuous supervision from NLU Delhi, along with structured training and capacity-building support. The Fellowship is designed to build a cadre of lawyers committed to **victim-centric, trauma-informed legal practice** and to strengthening victim participation within the criminal justice process.

Key Responsibilities

- Handle assigned cases across all stages of the criminal process, including investigation, trial, appeal, and rehabilitation.
- Take primary responsibility for cases, including appearing and arguing before courts, and assisting in proceedings.
- Engage directly with victims and their families, ensuring a rights-based and trauma-informed approach.
- Coordinate with legal services authorities, investigators, prosecutors, and community-based organisations.
- Maintain regular communication with the assigned mentor and seek their guidance on cases
- Submit regular, detailed case notes in the prescribed format, along with all required documentation, research and other outputs, to NLU for supervision and reporting.

Essential Requirements

- LL.B. (3-year or 5-year) with minimum 50% marks or equivalent CGPA; enrolled with a State Bar Council and AIBE qualified.
- Minimum of 2 years of litigation experience (preferably in criminal trial courts).
- Working knowledge of criminal laws and relevant special legislations, familiarity with court practice, and well-versed in the new criminal law framework.
- Experience in legal research, drafting, and court proceedings.
- Ability to work in a team and manage case responsibilities with diligence.

Desirable Requirements

- Basic understanding and demonstrated interest in victim-centric criminal jurisprudence and victim rights advocacy.
- Experience working with vulnerable communities or grassroots organisations.

Application Process

Interested candidates are requested to please submit their application online here - <https://careers.nludelhi.ac.in>

Application materials include:

- Form
- Resume
- Statement of Purpose (500 words)
- Case Note (1000 words)

Detailed instructions for the **Statement of Purpose** and **Case Note** are provided in the application form.

Important Instructions

- The application must be submitted through the online form specified in this advertisement. Applications sent through emails will not be considered.
- The last date for applying is 20th June, 2026 **11:59 PM IST**. No Physical/ email applications will be considered after the closing date.

- Candidates will be shortlisted based on an assessment of their application materials submitted through the online form, and only shortlisted candidates will be contacted, and advance to the interview stage of the process. If you do not hear from the University within 4 weeks of the deadline, please assume your application was unsuccessful.
- The eligibility criteria listed here do not guarantee an interview or a final offer.
- NLU Delhi reserves the right not to fill the position advertised here.
- NLU Delhi is an equal opportunity employer.

Note: NLU Delhi is an equal opportunity institution. Candidates from marginalised and underrepresented groups, including women, first-generation lawyers, persons from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, minority communities, LGBTQIA+ persons, persons with disabilities, and individuals from other vulnerable backgrounds, are strongly encouraged to apply.

This position shall lie with the Victim Advocacy Project (VAP) or as may be decided by the University subsequently.

For queries, contact: victimadvocacyproject@nlu@nlu-delhi.ac.in

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