

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATION GOVERNANCE

Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi

CALL FOR PROJECT MANAGER/RESEARCH FELLOW

National Law University, Delhi invites applications for a unique role as a part of its core team for the Centre for Communication Governance. This is a role that combines project management with a research fellowship. The Project Management aspect entails close collaboration with all the members of the centre, liaising regularly with the senior faculty and management at National Law University Delhi, and with the university's national and international networks. The part-time research fellowship attached to this position is a part of the Digital Frontiers project, described in greater detail below. It involves substantive research over a year to produce useful scholarly output, which will contribute to the effective embedding of human rights in Indian Internet policy. In addition to her/ his own research, the Project Manager will drive at least three other cutting-edge research and education projects conducted at the centre and will help us proactively identify useful areas in which we might work in the future. The initial appointment will be for one year but is likely to be extended to another year and perhaps even revised after reviewing the Centre's work.

The Digital Frontiers Project is directed at:

- recognizing speech on the Internet as speech protected under Article 19 of the Indian Constitution, and working out ways to give effect to this protection;
- identifying the different ways in which the Internet may be used to violate human rights such as the freedom of speech and the right to privacy;
- establishing why these questions are important in a country like India even though the Internet has not yet reached all citizens;
- recognizing telecommunication and the Internet as valuable dual-use infrastructure which may be used to protect rights by providing various kinds of information to citizens, and which makes citizens vulnerable to surveillance and other forms of abuse of rights.

Role

The Project Manager/ Fellow will report to Research Director and Centre-Coordinator of the Center for Communication Governance, and work with CCG's growing team of Fellows, Senior Fellows and student researchers, co-coordinating their work and helping provide momentum by resolving hurdles to their respective projects and creating a system of timely reporting and review. She or he will also help the Centre communicate its research to society and seek the involvement and opinions of others whilst formulating projects.

She/ he will work part-time on a research project over a year, receiving inputs and mentorship from the Centre's Senior Fellows and Board members, the university's faculty members, and our extended networks. The research will help development the human rights and civil liberties discourse in the context of the Internet and emerging communication technology in India. The role may however vary and grow depending the Centre's priorities and needs.

Essential functions of the project manager will include:

- Leading, co-ordinating and offering inputs on the progress of research and education projects, including the Digital Frontiers project, the curriculum development project and a student research project
- Working with the Centre's administrative team and the university to ensure that all the projects receive timely support and that the Centre's activities are planned and executed efficiently
- Supporting fundraising efforts and grant management, including substantive contribution to applications and reports
- Maintaining and cultivating the Centre's national and international partnerships and networks
- Planning workshops, conference and other events
- Helping with selection and oversight of student researchers, interns and research assistants

Qualifications

B.A. and LL.B. or international equivalent with a proven interest in media and Internet policy and experience in organizational work (managing events and university committees will count towards this). Entry level to two years of experience will be acceptable. Candidates must be very comfortable with reading and working with media and Internet law and policy. Prior internships and participation in research projects that focus of media, Internet, free speech or privacy issues would lend strength to an application. Since this role involves managing multiple research projects, experience with university journals or other research-management endeavours will also be welcome.

The project management element of the role will require excellent interpersonal skills, a powerful work ethic and a capacity to multi-task and track multiple threads of work. The project-manager will in many ways be the heart of the centre and will need to be dependable, agreeable and in possession of enough imagination to develop systems that will help the centre function as efficiently as possible.

Procedure for Application

Interested applicants are required to send the following information and materials by **3rd August 2013** to Ms. Chinmayi Arun (Research Director, CCG) or Dr. Anup Surendranath (Centre-Coordinator, CCG) at ccg@nludelhi.ac.in:

1. Curriculum vitae.
2. Names of two referees with their contact details. Referees must be informed that they might be contacted by the Centre either for an oral or written reference.
3. One writing sample (between 2000-2500 words).
4. A 700 word outline for a research paper that the candidate proposes to do for the Digital Frontiers Project.