

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI
CENTRE FOR COMMUNICATION GOVERNANCE

Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi

CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOWS

The Centre for Communication Governance, National Law University, Delhi, invites applications to appoint full-time research fellows for a period of six months, extendable to one year, as part of its Digital Frontiers Project. The Fellows will publish a research paper for the Digital Frontiers project at the end of a six month period. The possibility of extending the appointment to one year will depend on the quality of work published and the Fellow's contributions to the strategic growth of the Centre.

This role is ideal for people with an interest in rigorous research-based engagement with Internet policy, who are looking for an independent institution to work along with academic resources and peers to support their work. Given that the Centre for Communication Governance is the first of its kind in a law school in India, Fellows will be expected to contribute significantly towards establishing the Centre as a leading and credible research and policy organisation. .

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.

Fellows will be expected to engage in substantive research to produce useful scholarly output towards one of these ends.

Role

Fellows will report to Research Director and Centre-Coordinator of the Center for Communication Governance and will be expected to work out of CCG's office at National Law University, Delhi in Dwarka. In addition to their research under the Digital Frontiers Project, Fellows will be expected to participate in other work for the centre, including writing opinion pieces, policy responses, and blog posts, and providing inputs for grant applications. They will also be expected to help with policy responses, conferences, grant-applications, networking and other activities that will help set up and expand the Centre's work.

The Digital Frontiers' Project research will help with development of 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.

Qualifications

Candidates with law degrees will be given preference but applicants with postgraduate degrees in political science or management are also welcome to apply. All candidates will be required to provide evidence of their interest in Internet policy and their capability to plan and execute research on their own. Applicants will be titled Fellow or Senior Fellow depending on their qualifications and experience, and their remuneration will also vary accordingly.

Since this will be CCG's first team, we hope to receive applications from people who are passionate about their work and deeply committed to it. CCG expects all its members to maintain the highest ethical standards in their work, and will invite its community to offer inputs and suggestions that will help the Centre grow and maintain high standards.

If selected, applicants will be expected to join the Centre by **19th August 2013**.

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 cgg@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.