UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: RESEARCH STAFF FOR SPONSORED PROJECT

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Applications are invited from highly motivated, exceptional candidates for temporary, co-terminus research positions under the National Law University Delhi (NLUD) Advancing Research Through Collaboration (ARC) Grant 2025-26.

Project Title: *A Socio-Legal Audit of the Operationalisation of Guardianship, Mental Health Review Boards, and Statutory Committees in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.*

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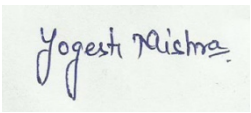
The project involves a doctrinal and empirical investigation into the statutory vacuum surrounding the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016 and the Mental Healthcare Act (MHCA), 2017. The research audits the implementation of statutory frameworks and the jurisprudential reliance on the doctrine of *parens patriae* by the Delhi High Court.

Position Details	**Essential Qualifications**	**Desirable Qualifications & Role Description**
Research Associate (1 Post) **Duration:** 7 Months **Pay:** INR 35,000/month **Budget Head:** MANPO01	NET, Post-Graduate degree (LL.M.), Law or Public Policy with a minimum of 55% marks. Academic writing skills for indexed publications.	**Desirable:** Phd Enrolled, Experience with disability law, MHCA 2017, and qualitative coding software. **Role:** Conduct deep doctrinal reviews, perform meta-analysis of Delhi High Court judgments, lead qualitative coding of transcripts, and draft the Final Project Report and Model SOP.
Field Investigators (2 Posts) **Duration:** 4 Months	Master's in Law, Social Work, or Sociology. Fluency in English and Hindi. Proven capability to undertake	**Desirable:** Experience conducting semi-structured interviews, familiarity with District Court architecture,

Pay: INR 20,000/month **Budget Head:** WAGES01	intensive logistical fieldwork across the NCT of Delhi.	**Role:** Execute primary data collection. Conduct interviews with legal practitioners, officials, and caregivers.
Project Interns (4 Posts) **Duration:** 4 Months **Pay:** INR 5,000/month **Budget Head:** SALAR01	Currently enrolled in an undergraduate in Law at a recognized institution. Excellent typing speed and attention to detail.	**Desirable:** Prior exposure to transcription work and legal literature sorting. **Role:** Provide the foundational data-processing layer. Execute verbatim transcription of hundreds of hours of audio recordings. Sort dense legal literature, organize court dockets, and structure raw narratives for high-level analysis.

Application Procedure and General Conditions:

1. **Submission:** Interested candidates must submit a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae (CV) along with a brief Statement of Purpose (SOP - maximum 500 words) highlighting their relevant expertise in constitutional or disability law.
2. Applications must be emailed to **SLAProject@ilc.du.ac.in** with the subject line clearly indicating the post applied for: *"Application for [Post Name] – NLUD ARC Grant"*.
3. **Deadline:** All applications must be received on or before **21 days from publication** at 11:59 PM IST.
4. **Selection Process:** Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview before the Selection Committee constituted as per the guidelines of the Research Council, University of Delhi.
5. **No TA/DA:** No Travel Allowance or Dearness Allowance will be paid for attending the interview.
6. **Terms of Engagement:** The positions are purely temporary and co-terminus with the duration specified above. The engagement does not confer any right to regular employment at the University of Delhi.







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