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NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI



**NATIONAL SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE
PROGRAMME**

National Law University Delhi (NLU Delhi) is committed to fostering collaborative academic engagements and enhancing mobility of students, researchers and faculty. Building and sustaining domestic academic collaborations (both legal and interdisciplinary) is vital to achieving our vision of becoming a leading global university through excellence in research and learning. In pursuance of this goal, NLU Delhi has instituted the Scholars-In-Residence Programme, which is designed to facilitate interaction and collaboration with scholars from leading institutions and professionals / practitioners in India.

Objectives of the programme

The programme is designed to enrich the academic and research ecosystem at NLU Delhi through engagements with accomplished scholars in India. In particular, the programme will:

- a. Offer opportunities to Indian scholars to develop their research and explore innovative ways of engaging with NLU Delhi faculty and students in a vibrant and learning environment including offering niche courses;
- b. Promote greater academic and research links with Indian institutions and individuals;
- c. Provide opportunity to NLU Delhi faculty and students to benefit and learn from scholars working on a wide range of research interests; and
- d. Explore possibilities of joint ventures and projects.

The University welcomes applications for the programme from:

- a. Academics holding full time position in their institutions;
- b. Doctoral and post-doctoral researchers; and
- c. Professionals/practitioners with over 7 years of industry experience

There is however a limit on the number of available places and priority would be given to scholars from partner institutions of the University.

Categories of Resident Scholars

NLU Delhi has the following visitor tracks:

- 1) Visiting Scholars
- 2) Visiting Professionals/ Practitioners

I. Visiting Scholars

Full-time faculty and researchers in colleges/ universities in India can apply to be Visiting Scholars at NLU Delhi. Scholars from fields other than the law whose work has strong interdisciplinary connections with the law are also encouraged to apply. While pursuing their own research, Visiting Scholars are expected to contribute to enriching the academic environment at NLU Delhi.

Application Requirements:

- a) CV (with academic publications as a necessary part).
- b) Full text of the three latest academic publications in peer reviewed journals or book/ chapters in an edited volume with reputed academic publishers.
- c) A statement of purpose (no more than 500 words) that includes the proposed duration with specific dates. The duration has to be at least one month and no more than one year. We would prefer applicants to identify periods that coincide with our academic semester.
- d) A research and engagement plan for the proposed duration at NLU Delhi (no more than 1500 words).
- e) A letter of support from the head of the institution confirming that the applicant is a full-time member or employee (or equivalent) associated with the institution, and that the proposed visit has their full support.

Potential Avenues for Engagement

- a) Engagement with faculty members and relevant research centres at NLU Delhi to build on the Visiting Scholar's academic work and research interests.
- b) Periodic faculty seminars for presenting their work.
- c) Engagement with students through seminar courses (40-45 hours in a semester) or short-term courses.
- d) Special lectures in compulsory courses that are part of the B.A., LL.B (Hons.), LL.M and doctoral programmes.
- e) Short-term research collaboration with faculty members/ research centres at NLU Delhi.
- f) Participation in all events/ workshops/ training programmes at NLU Delhi.

Facilities

- a) Visiting Scholars will be provided with office space in the University along with all necessary IT infrastructure.
- b) Full access to the library and electronic resources subscribed by the University along with remote access for the proposed duration.
- c) Subject to availability, accommodation in the University Guest House can be provided on the payment of relevant charges (free of charge only if the scholar's visit is being financially supported by NLU Delhi).

Academic Sessions

The academic year at NLU Delhi has two semesters:

- a) Early August to Mid-December
- b) Early February to Mid-June

Funding

- a) Fully supported positions (two positions per academic year): NLU Delhi will offer up to two fully supported positions per academic year. The programme will cover round trip domestic air travel (economy class), from the place of Scholar's residence to New Delhi. The Visitor will also receive free boarding and lodging at NLU Delhi.
- b) Partially supported positions (two positions per academic year): NLU Delhi will offer up to two partially supported positions per academic year. The Scholar will receive free boarding and lodging at NLU Delhi as support, but will be required to make their own travel and related arrangements.
- c) In assessing application for funding, NLU Delhi will consider:
 - i) The body of work by the Visiting Scholar as evidenced in the CV.
 - ii) Impact of the Visiting Scholar's work as reflected in the CV.
 - iii) Statement of purpose that forms part of the application.
 - iv) Research/ engagement that forms part of the application.
 - v) Benefit to NLU Delhi community/ Relevance for NLU Delhi community
- d) Self-funded positions: NLU Delhi welcomes Scholars in receipt of fellowships/scholarships to spend time at NLU Delhi under the scholars-in-residence Programme.

II. Visiting Professionals/ Practitioners

- a) Professionals and practitioners in any field with at least seven years of demonstrable experience (not limited to the legal field) shall be eligible to be a Visiting Professional/ Practitioner at NLU Delhi.
- b) Professionals and practitioners in fields that have a strong interdisciplinary relevance for the law are also encouraged to apply.
- c) Application materials as outlined above must clearly indicate a strong track record of engagement with the law either from a legal or interdisciplinary perspective.
- d) Applicants for the Visiting Professionals/ Practitioners are not required to provide a publication as part of their application materials.
- e) Selected Visiting Professionals/ Practitioners shall work with a faculty member in implementing their approved research/ engagement plan at NLU Delhi.
- f) All other provisions above applicable to Visiting Scholars shall be applicable to Visiting Professionals/ Practitioners as well.

- g) Subject to the decision of the Vice Chancellor, NLU Delhi shall not provide any funding to Visiting Professionals and Practitioners.

Applying for the Scholars-in-Residence Programme

Individuals who wish to apply for the Scholars-in-Residence programme must complete the [application form](#). The application can be submitted at any time of the year, but must be made atleast 6 months prior to the proposed commencement of the visit. In order to be eligible for the programme, the visit must be for atleast one month.

Application does not guarantee acceptance. The completed form and supporting documents would be considered by a committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor, NLU Delhi. All applications would be reviewed on a wide range of considerations including scholarly merit, practical value, engagement with contemporary concerns, uniqueness of the contribution and relevance to University's teaching and research. A decision on the application would normally be communicated within 3 weeks of making the application. A formal invitation would be extended to successful applicants along with relevant information regarding the visit (category, duration, allowed activities, etc) and a general visitor agreement. The University will not provide detailed feedback on unsuccessful applications.

Roles and Responsibilities

Visitors are encouraged to participate and contribute to the academic and research life of the University. The programme is designed for scholars intending to work independently with minimal supervision. All visitors are responsible for their work and research while at NLU Delhi.

Visitors are expected to refrain from engaging in additional assignments during their time at NLU Delhi. They are not permitted to register as a student, work towards a qualification, or undertake paid work.

Duration of the visit

Visits under the programme can range from one month to a year. However, the proposed learning and research engagements must match the proposed duration.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to plan their visit to coincide with atleast part of the academic semesters.

Funding support and other logistics

NLU Delhi does not provide salary, stipend or other payments. Visitors will ordinarily be required to demonstrate that they have the necessary funds to cover the costs of their visit. Subject to availability, accommodation in the University can be provided on the payment of relevant charges.

Additional Information

To join NLU Delhi's Scholars-in-Residence Programme:

apply here: <https://forms.gle/TsnNAmTegoa5Mxgm8>.

Visitors are requested to acknowledge NLU Delhi's Scholars-in-Residence Programme in any publication that results from their work and research at NLU Delhi.

NLU Delhi is committed to full compliance with applicable laws and regulations. All visitors are required to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and policies at all times. Failure to do so may lead to withdrawal of visitor status.

For the purpose of removing any difficulty in the implementation of this scheme, the Vice-Chancellor, NLU Delhi shall be the final authority.

The University shall reserve the right of not offering any scheme under this initiative.

For more information, please write to Dean -Research at anup.surendranath@nludelhi.ac.in with copy to registrar@nludelhi.ac.in