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PROJECT 39A**

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

PROJECT 39A | CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS (2022-23)

Project 39A, National Law University, Delhi believes law students must be afforded the opportunity to gain meaningful exposure to the complexities and nuances of the criminal justice system in India. In a follow up to the first edition (Death Penalty Research Fellowships), we are now offering a 12-month Fellowship to law students to work and contribute to Project 39A's research and *pro bono* legal representation endeavours.

About Project 39A:

Project 39A (hereinafter 'P39A') draws inspiration from Article 39-A in the Indian Constitution on equal justice and signals the broadening of our work on the criminal justice system in India. We undertake litigation, research and outreach relating to forensics, torture, legal aid, mental health and criminal justice, and death penalty (for more information on P39A, visit www.project39a.com).

About the Criminal Justice Student Fellowship:

Fellows will assist with archival, doctrinal, comparative, and field research across the areas of Project 39A's work, i.e., accountability for torture, death penalty, forensics, mental health and criminal justice, sentencing and the Fair Trial Programme. Fellows will assist in writing research reports and journal articles dealing with contemporary issues in the field of constitutional and criminal law in India. Fellows will also have the opportunity to develop innovative strategies with the communications team for the dissemination and outreach of our work.

Number of Fellowships and Duration: 3 Fellowships for 12 months each.

Eligibility: III/IV students of an integrated 5-year LL.B. programme or II/III-year students of a 3 year LL.B. programme during the academic year 2022-2023.

Stipend: Rs. 35,000 for the duration of the Fellowship (12 months) to be offered on the successful completion of the Fellowship.

Application Process: Applicants must fill the online form available here (<https://www.project39a.com/criminal-justice-fellowship-2022>) and upload three documents:

1. Curriculum Vitae,
2. Statement of Purpose of not more than 500 words explaining their interest in this Fellowship, and

3. *Writing Sample* of not more than 1500 words (exclusive of footnotes) critically commenting on **ONE** of the following issues:
- The implications of reverse burden of proof clauses on the presumption of innocence in criminal trials.
 - Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and its links with custodial violence.
 - Competence to stand trial outlined in Chapter 25 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Please note that submissions that exceed the word limit will not be considered.

Formatting guidelines:

- The submission must be word-processed and in Times New Roman.
- The main text should be in font size 12 and footnotes in font size 10, with 1.5 line spacing.
- References should be in the OSCOLA style.

Note: Shortlisted applicants will be invited to attend a virtual interview and Project 39A reserves the right to conduct further rounds of assessment.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by 11.59 pm, 24th April 2022. Applicants shortlisted for interviews will be informed within 14 days of the deadline.

If you do not hear from us within 10 days, please assume that your application has not been successful. Unfortunately, we cannot respond to individual queries on the status of applications.