



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE
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(Deemed University under Deptt. Of Commerce, Govt. of India)

INVITES APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF HEAD, CENTRE FOR REGIONAL TRADE (CRT)

IIFT is a premier institution of education, training and research in the area of International Business set up by Department of Commerce, Government of India.

The Centre for Regional Trade (CRT) was set up during 2016 under the overall umbrella of the Centre for Research on International Trade (CRIT) which is a part of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade. The Centre for Regional Trade (CRT) is a professional body which conducts independent research on Trade and Investment relevant to specific regions/countries, including Africa, ASEAN, China, EU, Japan, Korea etc. and relevant WTO issues from the perspective of implications for India and other developing countries and advise the Government of India accordingly.

Applications are invited for the post of Head, Centre for Regional Trade.

Educational and other qualification required

A. Academicians/legal professionals

1. Direct or indirect experience of teaching or research in trade or investment law or in a related discipline relevant to specific regions/countries, including Africa, ASEAN, China, EU, Japan, Korea etc.
2. Minimum 10 years' sectoral (Officer Level)/research/teaching experience of trade or investment law, or related discipline relevant to specific regions/countries including Africa, ASEAN, China, EU, Japan, Korea etc., of which 8 years should be at the level of Assistant/Associate Professor. Experience at the level of Associate Professor may carry more weightage. For persons with relevant research/teaching experience, at least 4 years of experience as Associate Professor should be in a premier institution such as IIM, IIT, IISc, National Law Schools, Central Universities or similar other institutions.

3. Ph.D. shall be essential.
4. Consistently good academic record with at least 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) at Graduate or Post Graduate or LLB. or LLB. level, or equivalent qualification in a related discipline relevant to specific regions/countries, including Africa, ASEAN, China, EU, Japan, Korea etc.
5. Published work, particularly research papers in peer reviewed journal, is desirable.

B. On Deputation

1. From the Government
 - a. Officers on deputation from the Government of India
 - b. Officers on deputation from State Governments
 - c. Appointed on basis of length of service and expertise in the field of international trade and investment law, or in a related discipline relevant to specific regions/countries, including Africa, ASEAN, China, EU, Japan, Korea etc.
2. From Academic/Research/Training Institutions as mentioned in A above.

C. Others – Industry

1. Individuals with extensive direct experience of at least 3 years of negotiations on issues relating to trade or investment law, or related discipline relevant to specific regions/countries, including Africa, ASEAN, China, EU, Japan, Korea etc.
2. Professor as Consultants, as per the qualifications of a Professor at the Centre.
3. Consistently good academic record with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) at Graduation or Post-Graduation, or LLB or LLM level.
4. The candidate from industry and profession should have work experience in trade or investment law relevant to specific regions/countries, including Africa, ASEAN, China, EU, Japan, Korea etc. which is significant and can be recognized at National/International level. Ten years managerial experience in industry/profession is desirable.

Brief description of the responsibilities of Head, CRT

Head of the Centre for Regional Trade is the Chief Executive of the Centre. His responsibilities include planning, implementing and monitoring the annual work programme of the Center and supervising day-to-day functioning of the Centre in order to ensure that its objectives and aims, as per Clause 4 of the Bye-laws of the Centre, are fulfilled effectively.

The responsibilities of the Head of the Centre for Regional Trade include undertaking economic research and quantitative analysis for assisting India's trade negotiators and policy makers in participating effectively in bilateral and regional trade negotiations; formulating trade promotion schemes; enhancing the understanding of key trade issues among stakeholders through outreach activities; supporting India's trade interests in regional and bilateral consultations; and developing capacities within India and in other developing countries in trade-related issues. The Head of Centre for Regional Trade shall possess a clear understanding of tariff policy and schedules, non-tariff barriers, exchange rate policy, balance of payments projections and forecasting of principal sources of foreign exchange, and trends of trade.

Tenure: All appointments, other than on deputation, shall initially be on contract for a period of one year extendable for a subsequent period of two and then three years on the basis of performance of the incumbent and future requirement of the Centre.

Scale of Pay:

The scale of pay for the Head, CRT shall be equivalent to those of a Professor at IIFT, as may be revised from time to time.

The selected candidate will have to join immediately.

Interested persons having the above qualification and experience should **only** apply and send their CV by email to Registrar, IIFT, New Delhi (**email id: establishment@iift.ac.in**) latest by **04.09.2022**. The application should also clearly indicate that the application is for the post of Head, Centre for Regional Trade. The candidate should submit a brief one page write-up on why he/she considers himself/herself suitable for this post along with the application.

Applications received without the write-up shall be rejected.

Government officers applying in response to the advertisement should also submit a letter from the appropriate authority sanctioning cadre clearance for the applicant.

The shortlisted candidates shall have to appear for interview before the Selection Committee at New Delhi. The date and time of the interview shall be intimated to the shortlisted candidates

only by email in due course. It may also be noted that the outside candidates shall have to make their own arrangements for travel/stay and that the IIFT shall not bear any expenditure on this account.

Note:

- Canvassing of any nature and/or bringing any influence /pressure from any quarter will be treated as a disqualification for the post.
- Candidates must fulfill essential qualification/experience on the last date of application.
- In case of large number of applications, the scrutiny committee may apply benchmarks higher than minimum essential/desirable qualifications to shortlist the candidates for interview.
- Selection/ appointment/employment will be subject to fulfillment of required qualification, experience etc. along with verification of testimonials, antecedents, and past service. If it is found at any stage that any information has been suppressed or wrongly/ falsely provided or any fraud has been committed, the application/ appointment/ employment of the concerned applicant will be rejected/ cancelled/ terminated summarily.
- The Institute reserves the right to fill or not fill the post advertised. No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from the candidates regarding postal delays, conduct and result of interview and reason for not being called for interview.
- Any dispute with regard to this recruitment will be subject to the Courts/Tribunals having jurisdiction over Delhi.

(Dr. P K Gupta)
Registrar