



# Chanakya National Law University, Patna

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## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

### **Student Research Assistants (02 Positions)**

The Panchayati Raj Chair, Chanakya National Law University, Patna, invites applications from eligible and motivated students for **two positions** of **Student Research Assistant** for a period of **six months**, for the research project titled:

**“A Comparative Study of Functioning of Gram Kachaharis of Bihar vis-à-vis Gram Nyayalayas of Uttar Pradesh”**

### **About the Project**

The project is being undertaken under the leadership of **Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa**, Vice-Chancellor, Chanakya National Law University, Patna.

The research seeks to conduct a comparative study of the functioning, procedural efficiency, case disposal mechanisms, and institutional challenges of Gram Kachaharis in Bihar and Gram Nyayalayas in Uttar Pradesh by observing their day-to-day operations. The study aims to contribute to policy discourse on grassroots justice delivery mechanisms and to strengthen the localised justice delivery system by recommending an evidence-based policy framework.

### **Benefits**

- **Monthly stipend of Rs. 4,000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only)** for the duration of the project.
- A certificate of engagement to be awarded upon successful completion of the project.
- Opportunity to work under the guidance and mentorship of Prof. (Dr.) Faizan Mustafa, Principal Investigator and Vice-Chancellor, Chanakya National Law University, Patna.
- Opportunity to enhance skills in empirical legal research, including field surveys, stakeholder interviews, data analysis, report writing, and policy research.

<b>Name of Position</b>	Student Research Assistant
<b>Number of Positions</b>	02 (Two)
<b>Nature of Job</b>	Term-based/ Contractual (Project-specific)
<b>Duration</b>	6 Months
<b>Monthly emolument</b>	Rs. 4000/- (Rupees Four Thousand only) * *Additional honorarium shall be paid to Research Assistants going for field visits as Field Investigators.
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<p>Applicants must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be currently enrolled in a <b>Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctoral programme</b> at CNLU.</li> <li>2. Have proficiency in MS Office, Excel, PowerPoint, online legal databases, and data management.</li> <li>3. Demonstrate strong academic credentials, research aptitude, and excellent legal and academic writing skills.</li> <li>4. Have proficiency in Hindi and English.</li> </ol> <p><b>Preference shall be given to candidates with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior research experience;</li> <li>• Publications, presentations, or participation in research projects;</li> <li>• Familiarity with empirical research methods and field surveys;</li> <li>• Knowledge of Panchayati Raj Institutions and rural justice systems.</li> </ul>
<b>Disqualifications</b>	<p>The following students shall not be eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any student who has been found guilty of academic misconduct, or has been issued a show-cause notice by the University.</li> <li>• Students having less than 75% attendance.</li> <li>• Students with backlog(s) in academics.</li> </ul>
<b>Roles and Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum four hours of engagement every working day.</li> <li>• Assist in literature review and in finalising research design, methodology, and data collection tools for impact assessment.</li> <li>• Draft applications and emails for securing access to field sites and obtaining official permissions, wherever required.</li> <li>• Conduct field visits where required and ensure the quality and consistency of collected data.</li> <li>• Assist in Data entry, transcription, translation, data cleaning, data analysis, identification of patterns and relationships, and interpretation of findings.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively participate in meetings of the research team and present the progress of research to the Principal Investigator (PI) whenever required.</li> <li>• Coordinate with the Principal Investigator, Research Associate and the research team to ensure timely completion of project milestones.</li> <li>• Assist in the preparation of drafts of the detailed Report of the entire study and other project-related outputs.</li> <li>• Ensure strict adherence to ethical standards and confidentiality norms.</li> <li>• Perform any other research-related tasks assigned by the Principal Investigator.</li> </ul>
<b>Expectations</b>	<p>Candidates should possess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong research and analytical abilities;</li> <li>• Excellent drafting, communication and coordination skills;</li> <li>• Ability to work in team/ independently and meet deadlines;</li> <li>• Familiarity with qualitative and quantitative research methods;</li> <li>• Interest in local governance, access to justice, and Panchayati Raj institutions.</li> </ul>

## Application Procedure

Interested candidates must submit the following documents through the below-mentioned Google Form Link, latest by **20th June 2026**:

1. Updated Curriculum Vitae (CV);
2. Statement of Purpose (maximum 500 words) explaining their interest in the project;
3. Copies of relevant academic transcripts/mark sheets;
4. One sample of academic writing/ research paper (published or unpublished, if available).

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgli-qXPVimCKrQpm76blHZnB\\_KvpgAus9ur5DnCj20dk6QA/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgli-qXPVimCKrQpm76blHZnB_KvpgAus9ur5DnCj20dk6QA/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

## Selection Process

Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview (online/offline). The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final.

## Important Dates

- **Last Date for Submission of Applications: 20th June 2026**
- **Date of Interview:** To be notified.
- **Commencement of Engagement: 1st July 2026**

For any queries relating to the project or application process, applicants may contact:

[vc@cnu.ac.in](mailto:vc@cnu.ac.in)

## **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:**

1. This engagement is purely temporary and project-specific. No TA/ DA shall be paid during the term of engagement.
2. Candidates shall have to produce the original document at the time of appearing for the interview, or after selection, as required.
3. Canvassing in any form may lead to cancellation of candidature.
4. The appointee shall have no claim for the permanent post in future.
5. The University reserves the right to relax any of the qualifications, experience, etc., in deserving cases, as deemed fit by the Selection Committee.
6. Selection will be made purely based on the candidate's previous records and performance in the interview.
7. The details regarding the time and mode of the interview will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates through email only.
8. All correspondence with the applicants shall be made through the same email ID.
9. The University reserves the right to make changes, if necessary.