



Chanakya National Law University, Patna

Advt. No. 45/2026-27 (Appt.)

July 11, 2026

Call for Applications for the Position of Part-time Research Associate

Applications are invited for engagement as Part-time Research Associate under the research project sanctioned vide Office Order No. CNLU/45(a)/2026-2318 dated 05.02.2026.

About the Research Project

This pilot research project seeks to (i) explore the push (circumstances driving children to leave or be vulnerable to disappearance) and the forces luring them into risky situations behind children going missing; (ii) map the districts in Bihar to identify hotspot districts for missing reports as well as zones with notable recovery rates; (iii) identify intersectional factors (such as gender, caste, class, age, etc.) that affect risks of children going missing, the likelihood of being trafficked or exploited and disparities in search, rescue, and rehabilitation efforts; and (iv) examine the processes and protocols followed by relevant stakeholders for handling missing children cases on the ground.

Important Dates

Last Date for Submission of Applications: **July 19, 2026**

Date of Interview: To be notified.

Commencement of Engagement: August 01, 2026

Application Process

Interested candidates must submit the following documents through the Google Form link below by July 19, 2026.

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 One sample of academic writing/ research paper (published or unpublished, if available)

Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/ALmcfWNyngQN6ug7A>

The details of the project and the position are as follows:

Position	Part-time Research Associate
Number of Positions	1
Project Title	Lost and Found: A Pilot Socio-legal Inquiry into Missing Children in Bihar
Principal Investigator	Dr. Ayushi Dube, Assistant Professor (Research)-cum-Director of Gender Resource Centre, Chanakya National Law University, Patna
Co-Investigator	Dr. Fr. Peter Ladis F., Assistant Professor of Law, Chanakya National Law University, Patna
Location	Hybrid mode (The position may require travel within Bihar for research and stakeholder consultations.)
Essential Qualification	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Postgraduation in Sociology, Social Work, Gender Studies, Women's Studies or allied disciplines, with minimum 55% marks.2. Minimum two years of experience in qualitative research demonstrating proficiency in qualitative data analysis and report writing.3. Excellent written, verbal and presentation skills.4. Fluency in English and Hindi.
Desirable Qualification	Familiarity with government institutions dealing with child protection will be preferred.
Responsibilities	<p>Selected candidate will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Design and refine research instruments, including interview schedules, stakeholder questionnaires, consent forms and field protocols, in consultation with the Principal Investigator;2. Coordinate and monitor fieldwork, ensuring adherence to research ethics, data quality standards and project timelines;3. Conduct qualitative interviews and stakeholder consultations with relevant actors;4. Manage and oversee transcription, organisation and documentation of research data, ensuring accuracy, confidentiality and systematic record-keeping;5. Undertake qualitative data coding, thematic analysis and interpretation of findings;6. Contribute to literature reviews, policy analysis and synthesis of secondary sources;7. Prepare final draft project report; and

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	8. Perform any other tasks assigned by the Principal Investigator in furtherance of the project's objectives.
Nature of Engagement	Contractual, Project-specific & Part-time
Period of Engagement	Between August 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026
Engagement Requirement	The selected candidate shall devote a minimum of 24 hours per week to the project. Engagement shall ordinarily be spread over six working days per week, averaging approximately four hours per day. The candidate shall be available for field visits, meetings, training sessions and project-related assignments as scheduled by the Principal Investigator.
Age Limit	35 years
Remuneration	Rs. 40,000 (Rupees Forty Thousand only), to be disbursed on a milestone-based basis against satisfactory completion of assigned deliverables.

Note

1. Only shortlisted candidates shall be contacted. Mere possession of the minimum qualifications does not guarantee a call for an interview.
2. The University reserves the right to withdraw the advertised post at any time or not to fill the position without assigning any reason and its decision in this regard shall be final.
3. The University reserves the right to relax any of the qualifications, experience, etc., in deserving cases, as deemed fit by the Selection Committee.
4. Candidates shall have to produce original documents at the time of joining.
5. This engagement is purely temporary and project-specific. The appointee shall have no claim for a permanent post in future.
6. No TA/ DA shall be paid during the term of engagement.
7. The details regarding the time and venue/mode of the interview will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates through email only. The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final.
8. The University reserves the right to make changes, if necessary.
9. For any queries relating to the research project or the application process, interested candidates may contact ayushi.dube@cnlu.ac.in. All correspondence with the applicants shall be made through this email ID.

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Principal Investigator



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