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CENTRE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF LEGAL PROFESSIONAL

A. ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL) was established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, to enhance the capacity within the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and other agencies and provide legal and technical inputs on international trade and investment law issues. CTIL functions as a think tank and an advisory centre in relation to legal issues falling under the World Trade Organisation (WTO), free trade agreements, and other international economic law issues.

CTIL intends to engage 08 lawyers **(02 Associates, 03 Young Professionals and 03 Consultant**), to work on trade-related issues across multilateral agreements and bilateral agreements (including Trade in Goods; Trade in Services; Trade and Sustainable Development; Intellectual Property Rights, Geographical Indications, innovation, and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Trade Remedies and Dispute Settlement; Regulatory Practices, Competition, Government Procurement, Anti-Corruption, Transparency, etc.; Rules of Origin, Trade Facilitation, and Non-Tariff measures; Investment Protection; and Agriculture).

B. VACANCY

CTIL is looking for highly motivated, qualified lawyers, to join immediately, on a contractual basis in the position of:

1. Young Professional (with/without prior experience)
2. Associate
3. Consultant (with/without PhD)

The candidate must meet the eligibility criteria listed in Part C and D of this notification.

C. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must be Indian nationals and should preferably hold a master's degree in law.[1]

Candidate must have excellent legal professional skills, with a demonstrated interest and/or experience in international law, international trade law, investment law, and related fields listed in Part A. Candidate must also have strong written and spoken communication, and presentation skills in English. Candidate must be able to provide sound and rigorous legal analysis, and must also have strong research, drafting and legal analytical skills, specifically in the fields listed in Part A. Strong preference will be given to candidates who have experience in trade negotiations and settlement of international trade disputes.

Candidate should also satisfy the specific eligibility criteria listed in Part D, in addition to the above. PQE in Part D refers to Post Qualification Experience, i.e., work experience that has been obtained following the candidate's successful completion of a degree in law. Experience includes up to three years for Ph.D. holder, provided that no work experience is counted during those three years. Experience

1. **<u>CONSULTANT (with PhD)/CONSULTANT (without Ph.D.) (Pay: ₹ 1,45,000- 2,65,000 for PhD candidates and ₹ 1,37,500- 2,65,000 for without PhD candidates)</u>**

1. Must not be more than 50 years of age at the time of the recruitment.

2. Must hold a master’s degree in areas such as economics, law, international law, public policy, data science, cost accounting or a related discipline. Consistently good academic record with at least 55% (or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed) at bachelor's and master's levels.

3. Must have a minimum of 8 years’ post-qualification experience, out of which a minimum of 3 years must be in the relevant field, for example, international trade and allied field.

4. Relevant work experience or research and studies produced in international trade, economics, economic diplomacy, international law, investment, public policy or in a related discipline is desirable.

5. Candidates with a PhD will be considered for Senior Research Fellow (with PhD).

6. Candidates without a PhD will be considered for Senior Research Fellow (without PhD)

2. <u>Associate</u>

1. Must not be more than 45 years of age at the time of recruitment.

2. Must hold a master’s degree in the areas such as economics, law, international Law, public policy, data science, cost accounting or a related discipline. Consistently good academic record with at least 55% (or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed) at bachelor's and master's levels.

3. Must have a minimum of 3 years post-qualification experience, out of which a minimum of 1 year must be in the relevant field, for example, international trade and allied field.

4. Relevant work experience or research and studies produced in international trade, economic, economic diplomacy, international law, investment, public policy or in a related discipline is desirable.

3. <u>Young Professional</u>

a. Must not be more than 35 years of age at the time of recruitment.

b. Must hold a master’s degree in the areas such as economics, law, international Law, public policy, data science, cost accounting or a related discipline. Consistently good academic record with at least 55% (or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed) at bachelor's and master's levels.

c. Must have a minimum of 1-year post-qualification experience.

d. Relevant work experience or research and studies produced in international trade, international law, investment, public policy, or a related discipline is desirable.

4. **Young Professional (without prior experience)**

1. Must not be more than 28 years of age at the time of recruitment.

2. Must hold a Bachelor's Degree in Law (LLB.) or a Masters' degree in economics, diplomacy, international relations, public policy, data science, general management, cost accounting or a related discipline from (a) a University listed in the top 25 ranks of the latest National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), or (b) from a reputed University or a discipline within a University listed in the top 100 ranks of a recognized World University Ranking, for example, the latest QS World University Ranking or the Times Higher Education Ranking.

3. Prior work experience is not a requirement.

D. EMOLUMENTS AND TENURE

All selected candidates will be appointed on a contract basis, for one year, with the possibility of further extension based on performance. The selected candidates will be paid a fixed monthly remuneration as follows:

Category	REMUNERATION (RS.)
Young Professional (without prior experience)	50,000/-
Young Professional	60,000/-
Associate	80,000 – 1,45,000
Consultant	(Pay: ₹ 1,45,000- 2,65,000 for PhD candidates and ₹ 1,37,500- 2,65,000 for without PhD candidates)

Remuneration for selected candidates shall be fixed, based on the following:

a. The range of Remuneration proposed in the above table for the position in which the candidate has been selected.
b. Years of Experience
c. Last pay drawn (shall be considered only in exceptional as decided by the Selection Committee).

Important Notice:

E. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates that satisfy the above listed eligibility criteria are invited to apply only through the links below: Last date of the advertisement**: 30th September 2025**

Young Professions (without prior experience): https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=YPWE_SEP2025
Young Professional (with prior experience): https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=YP_SEP2025
Associate: https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=ASSOCIATE_SEP2025
Consultant (without P.hd): https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=CONSULTANT (without P.hd_SEP2025
Consultant (with P.hd): https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=CONSULTANT_SEP2025

Only applications received via the above links will be considered based on an evaluation of their application. Only shortlisted candidates for the second round (written test and interview) will be contacted via email. The written test will assess the candidate's competence and skills in the domain of international trade law, international investment law or generally in the wide disciplines of international economic law.

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