

**NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**  
**Justice City, Shameerpet, Medchal District – 500101**  
**The Square Circle Clinic**

**CALL FOR INTERNS**

**May 2, 2025**

Through this call for interns, The Square Circle Clinic aims to develop a robust and rewarding internship programme that will provide meaningful exposure to criminal justice issues in India. Towards that aim, we are pleased to introduce our internship policy, under which we seek to accept interns on a rolling basis.

**About The Square Circle Clinic:** The Square Circle Clinic is a criminal justice initiative at NALSAR University of Law, with its offices in New Delhi, Pune, Nagpur and Hyderabad. The Square Circle Clinic undertakes *pro bono criminal defense of prisoners sentenced to death and also undertrials*, research and public engagement efforts on issues relating to the death penalty, forensics, criminalisation and punishment, prevention of torture, legal aid, and mental health and criminal justice. The founders, leadership group, and the full-time staff members at The Square Circle Clinic earlier carried on the abovementioned criminal justice work as Project 39A and moved to NALSAR in April 2025.

We are keen to have interns in the following areas of our work:

- **Research:** Our research efforts lay significant emphasis on fieldwork and empirical analysis. Efforts involve work on various aspects of the following issues:
  - forensic science with a particular focus on DNA forensics
  - legal aid in the criminal justice system
  - mental health and criminal justice
  - torture
  - administration of the death penalty
  - criminalisation and punishment
- **Litigation:** To ensure competent *pro bono* legal representation for prisoners sentenced to death in various parts of India, irrespective of the crime. Our offices in Pune and Nagpur provide trial-level *pro bono* legal representation to undertrials in Pune and Nagpur Central Prisons.
- **Mitigation Investigation:** To work with the mitigation investigators in developing in-depth life histories of prisoners sentenced to death and develop mitigation investigation reports to be submitted in courts on behalf of the defence team for sentencing hearings. We particularly encourage students from social science disciplines, humanities, psychology, psychiatry and other allied disciplines to apply for internships in this team.

- **Strategic Communication:** To develop public communication strategies on various critical issues concerning the criminal justice system in India. This involves engagement with different storytelling strategies across mediums and also work on the organisation's social media strategy.

**Eligibility:** The internship is open to students enrolled in recognised undergraduate or postgraduate programmes in law, humanities, social sciences, psychology, psychiatry, or media and communications. Those enrolled in other programmes may apply but preference will be given to students enrolled in programmes listed above. The internship programme is open to students enrolled in recognised programmes both in India and abroad.

**Responsibilities:** Candidates will be asked to undertake tasks that may involve assisting with litigation activities, research projects or initiatives in public outreach. While the organisation shall attempt to account for the interests expressed by the interns, it reserves the right to allocate tasks as it deems fit for its requirements. All members of The Square Circle Clinic undertake administrative duties and therefore interns will also be expected to assist in administrative matters. Interns will be required to observe the working hours of The Square Circle Clinic (10am to 6pm) and work from its offices only.

**Duration:** Internships are full-time and for a period of minimum 4 weeks to a maximum of 12 weeks. Candidates must indicate the exact dates in their application. Interns shall be based out of our offices in New Delhi, Pune and Nagpur.

While applications for part-time interns are considered, there is a strong preference in favour of full-time interns. Part-time interns, if selected, are required to intern for a minimum of 12 weeks.

**Stipend:** Full-time interns will be paid a stipend of Rs 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) for every four weeks of internship. Part-time interns will be paid a stipend of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) for every four weeks of internship.

**Application Process:** Applications are accepted only through the online application form available at the link provided below. Through the online application form, interested persons will be required to upload their resumé and a statement of purpose, explaining their interest in representing prisoners sentenced to death and the contribution that they see themselves making through this position. The statement of purpose must not exceed 750 words.

Applications and documents must be submitted only through this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdorzhU0GC71\\_UdSHBxWUfjVKroHHVKYLt232LzmUqqgLnFA/viewform?usp=dialog](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdorzhU0GC71_UdSHBxWUfjVKroHHVKYLt232LzmUqqgLnFA/viewform?usp=dialog)

**NOTE:**

1. Due to the volume of applications, we are unable to provide individual responses. Only successful applicants will be contacted. If you do not hear from us 6 weeks before the proposed start date, you should assume that your application has been unsuccessful.
2. Applicants are required to apply two months prior to the first of the proposed month of internship.
3. The Square Circle Clinic reserves the right not to fill internship positions.
4. Interns for a specific month will be finalised and intimated 6 weeks before the commencement of the month.
5. Except for work-related travel during the internship, The Square Circle Clinic cannot support travel and accommodation expenses.
6. The Square Circle Clinic works on behalf of all prisoners sentenced to death, regardless of the offence involved.
7. This internship programme is supported by grants received by The Square Circle Clinic.
8. Students based in Delhi interested in a part-time internship while pursuing their undergraduate or postgraduate courses may follow the procedure outlined above, specifying in the relevant dropdown their interest in applying for such a position.
9. In-person internships are strongly preferred and remote internship requests are accepted only in extraordinary circumstances.
10. For any query, please write to us at [squarecircleinternships@nalsar.ac.in](mailto:squarecircleinternships@nalsar.ac.in). However, please note that we cannot provide application status updates.