



CENTRE FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT LAW
(Established by Ministry of Commerce and Industry)

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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.

In order to support the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, CTIL intends to engage **Five (5) lawyers** at the levels of Young Professional, Associate, and Research Associate, 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, for the following roles:

1. Young Professional;
2. Associate; and
3. Research Associate.

The candidate must meet the eligibility criteria listed in Part C and D of this notification. Based on the requirements of the Department of Commerce, selected candidates may be deputed to the Trade Policy Wing, Trade Negotiations - Multilateral, and Trade Negotiations – Bilateral Wing in the Department of Commerce.

C. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must be Indian nationals and should preferably hold a master's degree in law, except for those candidates applying for the position of Research Associate.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.

¹ For the candidate's having degrees from universities/institutes from outside India, Times/QS ranking of such universities/institutes will be taken into account.

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. In other words, time spent while pursuing post-graduation will not count towards PQE. Experience includes up to three years for Ph.D. holder, provided that no work experience is counted during those three years. Experience in international negotiations, dispute settlement processes, and any of the listed areas in Part A is desirable.

D. CATEGORY SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

CATEGORY	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	UPPER AGE LIMIT <small>(ON LAST DATE OF RECEIVING THE APPLICATIONS)</small>
Research Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be more than 28 years of age at the time of recruitment. • 6. Must hold a Bachelor's Degree in Law or a Master's 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 recognised World University Ranking, for example, the latest QS World University Ranking or the Times Higher Education Ranking. • Prior work experience is not a requirement. 	28 years
Young Professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be more than 35 years of age at the time of recruitment. • 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. • Must have a minimum of 1-year post-qualification experience. • Relevant work experience or research and studies produced in international trade, economics, economic diplomacy, international law, investment, public policy, or a related discipline is desirable. • 	35 years
Associate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be more than 45 years of age at the time 	45 years

	<p>of recruitment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • Relevant work experience or research and studies produced in international trade, economics, economic diplomacy, international law, investment, public policy, or a related discipline is desirable 	
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E. 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	RENUMERATION (RS.)
Research Associate	50,000
Young Professional	60,000
Associate	80,000 – 1,45,000

F. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates that satisfy the above listed eligibility criteria are invited to apply only through the links below, latest by **27th September 2023 (Wednesday)**.

1. Young Professional: http://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=YP_SEP2023
2. Associate: http://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=ASSOCIATES_SEP2023
3. Research Associate http://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=RA_SEP2023

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.
