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INVITES APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF HEAD, CENTRE FOR WTO STUDIES (CWTOS)

IIFT is a premier institution of education, training and research in the area of International Business set up by Department of Commerce, Government of India.

With the object to provide continuous research and analytical support on all issues pertaining to the World Trade Organization, Centre for WTO Studies was established in 1999 by Department of Commerce as a professional body that would provide research and allied inputs to the government for negotiations at the WTO as well as for other WTO mandated committees. Presently, the Centre for WTO Studies functions under the overall umbrella of Centre for Research on International Trade (CRIT) which is a part of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade.

Applications are invited for the post of Head, Centre for WTO Studies (On Contract/Deputation basis).

Educational and other qualifications required

A. Academicians

1. Direct or indirect experience in international trade, economics, economic diplomacy, international law, investment, public policy or a related discipline.
2. Minimum 10 years of sectoral (or Officer Level) experience or research and teaching experience in international trade, economics, economic diplomacy, law, international law, investment, public policy or in a related discipline, of which eight years should be at the level of Assistant/Associate Professor. Experience at the level of Associate Professor shall carry more weight. For persons with relevant research/teaching experience, at least four years of experience as an Associate Professor should be in a premier institution such

as IITs, IIMs, IISc, National Law Schools, Central Universities or other institutions.

3. Ph.D. shall be essential.
4. 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 level or equivalent qualification in a related discipline.
5. Published work, particularly research papers in a peer-reviewed journal, is desirable

B. Candidates from Industry

1. Individuals with extensive direct experience of at least three years in international trade, economics, economic diplomacy, international law, investment, public policy or a related discipline.
2. The candidate from industry and profession should have work experience in international trade, economics, economic diplomacy, law, international law, investment, public policy or in a related discipline which is significant and can be recognised at the National/ International level. Ten years of managerial experience in industry/profession is desirable.
3. Consistently good academic record with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever grading system is followed) at Graduation and Post-Graduation level.

C. Candidates On Deputation

(1) From the Government

(a) Officers on deputation from the Government of India under Central Government/State Governments and their Attached offices, Subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies, Local Bodies etc.

(b) Appointed on the basis of length of service and expertise in international trade, economics, economic diplomacy, international law, or in a related discipline.

(2) From Academic/Research/Training Institutions as mentioned above.

<u>Brief description of the responsibilities of Head, CWTOS</u>

Head of the Centre for WTO Studies is the Chief Executive of the Centre. His responsibilities include planning, implementing and monitoring the annual work programme of the Center and supervising day-to-day functioning of the Centre in order to ensure that its objectives, as specified in Clause 4 of the Bye-laws of the Centre, are fulfilled effectively.

More specifically, the responsibilities of the Head of the Centre for WTO Studies include undertaking research for assisting India's trade negotiators and policy makers in participating effectively in the WTO and at the related multilateral/bilateral trade negotiations; enhancing the understanding of key trade issues among stakeholders through outreach and dissemination activities; and assist in consensus building and developing capacities within India and in other developing countries for analysing WTO and other trade-related issues through training programmes.

Age:

The Candidate should be at least 40 years of age at the time of appointment.

Tenure:

The Head of a Centre shall be appointed by the Board of Management of IIFT on the recommendation of the Chairperson of CRIT for three years with a probation period of one year initially. Subsequently, based on the incumbent's performance and the Centre's future requirements, the contract may be extended for up to three years or an appropriate period as decided by the Chairperson of CRIT.

In the case of a Government officer appointed on deputation, the initial period of deputation shall be three years, extendable in accordance with the DoPT instructions issued from time to time.

Scale of Pay:

Selected candidate shall be placed in the Academic Pay Level-14*

**Note*: *Subject to revision.*

The selected candidate will have to join immediately.

Interested persons having the above qualification and experience should **only** apply and send their CV through email addressed to Registrar, IIFT, New Delhi (**email id: recruitment@iift.edu**) latest by **25.11.2026**. The application should also clearly indicate that the "application for the post of Head, Centre for WTO Studies". The candidate should submit a brief one page write-up on why he/she considers himself/herself suitable for this post along with the application.

Applications received without the write-up shall be rejected.

Apart from CV and one page write up, Government officers applying in response to the advertisement shall submit their applications through the proper channel, accompanied by the following documents:

1. Attested photocopies of the APARs/Confidential Reports for the last five years, duly authenticated by an officer not below the rank of Under Secretary to the Government of India;
2. Vigilance & Cadre Clearance;
3. No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the parent organisation.

The shortlisted candidates shall have to appear for interviews before the Selection Committee at New Delhi. The date and time of the interview shall be intimated to the shortlisted candidates only by email in due course. It may also be noted that the outside candidates shall have to make their own arrangements for travel/stay and that the IIFT shall not bear any expenditure on this account.

Note:

- Canvassing of any nature and/or bringing any influence /pressure from any quarter will be treated as a disqualification for the post.
- Candidates must fulfill essential qualification/experience on the last date of application.
- In case of large number of applications, the scrutiny committee may apply benchmarks higher than minimum essential/desirable qualifications to shortlist the candidates for interview.
- Selection/ appointment/employment will be subject to fulfillment of required qualification, experience etc. along with verification of testimonials, antecedents, and past service. If it is found at any stage that any information has been suppressed or wrongly/ falsely provided or any fraud has been committed, the application/ appointment/ employment of the concerned applicant will be rejected/ cancelled/ terminated summarily.
- The Institute reserves the right to fill or not fill the post advertised. No correspondence whatsoever will be entertained from the candidates regarding postal delays, conduct and result of interview and reason for not being called for interview.
- Any dispute with regard to this recruitment will be subject to the Courts/Tribunals having jurisdiction over Delhi.

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(Gaurav Gulati)
Registrar, IIFT