

CENTRE FOR WTO STUDIES INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE (IIFT) NAFED House, Siddhartha Enclave, Ashram Chowk, New Delhi-110014 (Deemed to be University under Department of Commerce, Govt. of India)



Advertisement for Engagement of Researchers (Legal)

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. The Centre for Research on International Trade (CRIT) which is a part of IIFT has two Centres under it with the Centre for WTO Studies being one of them.

The Centre for WTO Studies (CWS) was established at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in November 2002. The Centre is an independent think-tank conducting research and training programmes on the WTO and related matters. The Centre also regularly assists the Government of India in international trade negotiations, disputes and policy matters.

The Centre for WTO Studies intends to engage Legal Researchers either at the level of Young Professional/Research Associate or Research Fellow/Associates or Senior Research Fellow to work on issues related to WTO and international trade. The engagement shall be purely on contractual basis for a period of one year. The candidate applying for the post should possess the following qualification and experience:

- 1. Senior Research Fellow (with PhD)/Senior Research Fellow (without Ph.D.) (Pay: ₹ 14,5,000- 265000 for PhD candidates and ₹ 1,37,500- 2,65,000 for without PhD candidates)
- 1. Must not be more than 50 years of age at the time of the recruitment.
- 2. Must hold a master's degree in the areas such as international Law 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, 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. Research Fellow/Associate

(Pay: ₹ 80,000-1,45,000 per month)

- 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 international Law, public policy 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, international law, investment, public policy or in a related discipline is desirable.
- Research Associate/Young Professional
 (Pay: ₹ 60,000 per month for candidates having minimum 1 year experience and Pay: ₹ 50,000 per month for candidates having less than 1 year experience)
- 1. Must not be more than 35 years of age at the time of recruitment.
- 2. Must hold a master's degree in the areas such as international Law, public policy 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 1-year post-qualification experience.
- 4. Relevant work experience or research and studies produced in international trade, international law, investment, public policy, or a related discipline is desirable.

OR

- 5. Must not be more than 28 years of age at the time of recruitment.
- 6. Must hold a Bachelor's Degree in Law (LLB.) or a Masters' degree in Law, 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.

Other Skills: The candidates should have sound knowledge of computer application and packages [M.S. Word, M.S. Outlook, Excel, Power Point]. The candidate should have good command over English (spoken as well as written) and should have experience of research activities.

Tenure: The appointment will be purely on contractual basis for a period of one year with a possibility of further extension based on the performance.

Emoluments: The Researchers shall be paid consolidated competitive monthly emoluments depending upon their qualification and experience as per the order of Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Government of India.

It may be noted that candidates applying for the post of Sr. RF based on their qualification and experience are not automatically eligible to be engaged as a Sr. R.F. Their performance during the interview, in-depth knowledge, aspects of WTO and experience in a reputed organization shall be the deciding factors.

Instructions/Guidelines

- A candidate applying for the above position must be a citizen of India
- Fulfilment of conditions of minimum qualification shall not necessarily entitle any applicant to be called for further process of recruitment. In case of large number of applicants, IIFT reserves the right to shortlisting applicants in any manner as may be considered appropriate and no reason of rejection shall be communicated in any case.
- IIFT reserves the right to fill or not to 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.
- The documents will be verified with original testimonials at the time of interview, if the applicant is called for the interview.
- Interested and eligible candidates having the above qualifications and experience should only apply.

The selected candidate will need to join immediately.

Indian nationals having the above qualifications and experience should only apply and send their C.V. and cover letter by email to recruitment.cws@iift.edu latest by 19 November 2023. The Candidates who were applied earlier against our advertisement with last date 25 May 2023 needs not to apply again.

The date and time of the interview shall be intimated only to the shortlisted candidates in due course.