



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE

IIFT Bhawan, B-21, Qutab Institutional Area, New Delhi-110016
(Deemed to be University under Department of Commerce, Govt. of India)

Advertisement for engagement of Research Associate/Research Fellow/ Sr. Research Fellow (Economics)

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 three Centres under it with the Centre for WTO Studies being one of them.

The Centre for WTO Studies was established at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade in November, 2002. Centre is a professional body which conducts independent research and training programmes on the WTO and related matters.

The Centre for WTO Studies intends to engage Economics Researchers either at the level of Research Associate (Economics) or Research Fellow (Economics) or Senior Research Fellow (Economics) to work on issues related to WTO and international trade. The engagement shall be purely on contractual basis for a period of one year. Keeping in view the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the shortlisted candidates shall not be required to visit the CWS office to appear for the written examination and interview. Instead, selection process shall be conducted through online mode. The candidate applying for the post should possess the following qualification:

Qualification: MA(Eco)/MA(International Trade)/M.Phil (Economics)/Ph.D (Economics)

Experience: The candidates having research experience on different aspects of international trade including Agriculture, IPR, Services, e-commerce, Trade Remedies and WTO Disputes in any reputed organization shall be preferred.

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 of the candidate and requirement of the Centre.

Emoluments: The Researchers shall be paid fixed monthly emoluments depending upon their qualification and experience as under:

Research Associate (Eco)	Rs.30,000/- per month
Research Fellow(Eco)	Rs.36,000/- per month
Senior Research Fellow (Eco) having at least three years research experience	Rs.48,000/- per month*
Senior Research Fellow (Eco) having Ph.D Degree in Economics and preferably some independent research experience	Rs.54,000/- per month*

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

In addition, a candidate engaged as a Senior Research Fellow (Eco)/ Research Fellow (Eco) shall be entitled to CL, Earned Leave, medical facilities and LTC whereas a candidate engaged as a Research Associate (Eco) shall be entitled to CL, earned leave and medical facilities only. **The selected candidate will need to join immediately.**

Candidates who have been awarded Degree in Economics or Ph.D. Degree in Economics and are in possession of their Degree/Provisional Degree on the date of this advertisement **should only apply**. They must clearly indicate the marks/grades obtained in BA/MA.

Indian nationals having the above qualifications and experience should only apply and send their **C.V., Essay and cover letter** by email to **recruitment.cws@iift.edu** latest by **31.12.2021**. **CVs received without Essay shall be summarily rejected.**

The essay should be on any one of the following topics, and should not exceed 2500 words (including footnotes):

- **What factors constrain the participation of Indian firms in global value chains?**
- **International Trade is the bed rock of economic development. Kindly comment.**
- **Protection of Intellectual Property Rights spurs innovation. Kindly comment.**

The cover letter should clearly state the following:

- Why the candidate is interested in a career in international trade law and in working at the Centre.
- Prior exposure to international trade law (through courses, internship, research/writing, moot court, etc.)
- Any specialization in international trade related issues either at the undergraduate or postgraduate level.

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

(Dr. P.K. Gupta)
Registrar