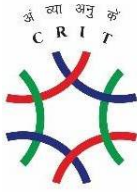


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25th September 2026

## 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 Organization (WTO), free trade agreements, and other international economic law issues.

CTIL intends to engage **05 lawyers (02 Young Professionals, 02 Associates and 01 Consultant)**, 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 in the position of:

1. Young Professional (with/without prior experience)
2. Associate
3. Consultant (with/without PhD)

### C. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must be Indian nationals and should preferably hold a master's degree in law.<sup>1</sup>

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. Strong preference will be given to candidates who have experience in trade negotiations and settlement of international trade disputes.

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. Experience includes up to three years for Ph.D. holder, provided that no work experience is counted during those three years' experience.

**1. CONSULTANT (with PhD)/CONSULTANT (without Ph.D.) (Pay: ₹ 1,45,000-2,65,000 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 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.
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, economics, economic diplomacy, 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. Associate**

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 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.
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, economic, economic diplomacy, international law, investment, public policy or in a related discipline is desirable.

**3. Young Professional**

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 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.
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.

#### 4. **Young Professional (without prior experience)**

1. Must not be more than 28 years of age at the time of recruitment.
2. Must hold a Bachelor's Degree in Law (LLB.) or a Masters' 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 recognized World University Ranking, for example, the latest QS World University Ranking or the Times Higher Education Ranking.
3. Prior work experience is not a requirement.

#### **D. EMOLUMENTS**

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:

| <b>Category</b>                                  | <b>REMUNERATION (RS.)</b>                                                                            |
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| Young Professional<br>(without prior experience) | 50,000/-                                                                                             |
| Young Professional                               | 60,000/-                                                                                             |
| Associate                                        | 80,000 – 1,45,000                                                                                    |
| Consultant                                       | (Pay: ₹ 1,45,000- 2,65,000 for PhD candidates and<br>₹1,37,500- 2,65,000 for without PhD candidates) |

Remuneration for selected candidates shall be fixed, based on the following:

- a. The range of Remuneration proposed in the above table for the position in which the candidate has been selected.
- b. Years of Experience
- c. Last pay drawn (shall be considered only in exceptional as decided by the Selection Committee).

#### **E. TENURE**

All selected candidates will be appointed on a contractual basis, initially for a period of one year, with the possibility of further extension based on performance and requirements.

#### **F. 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, CTIL/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.
- The number of posts advertised is indicative, the CTIL/IIFT reserved the right to not fill up the posts and may increase or decrease the number of posts at any point of time
- 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.

## G. APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates that satisfy the above listed eligibility criteria are invited to apply only through the links below: Last date of the advertisement: **09<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

Young Professions (without prior experience): [https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=YP\(w\)\\_Sep2026](https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=YP(w)_Sep2026)

Young Professional (with prior experience): [https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=YP\\_Sep2026](https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=YP_Sep2026)

Associate: [https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=ASSOCIATE\\_Sep2026](https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=ASSOCIATE_Sep2026)

Consultant (without PhD): [https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=CONSULTANT\(w\)\\_Sep2026](https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=CONSULTANT(w)_Sep2026)

Consultant (with PhD): [https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=CONSULTANT\\_Sep2026](https://docs.iift.ac.in/recruit/solo.asp?jcode=CONSULTANT_Sep2026)

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.

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