

## **Call For Applications: <<DAKSH - NCLT Coalition Fellowship>>**

### **I. About DAKSH**

**DAKSH** is a non-profit think tank working since 2015 on the rule of law by improving the functioning of courts and tribunals. We leverage perspectives from data, technology, processes, institutional ecosystem, and administration. Our focus has consistently been on unveiling ground realities and advocating for citizen-centric systemic reforms within the law and justice system.

Our work in the last four years has set the agenda for reimagining courts and tribunals for the future. We work closely with the committees of the Supreme Court and High Courts, tribunals, and governments to realise this vision.

### **II. Project Overview**

DAKSH is convening the **Coalition for NCLT/NCLAT** for research and advocacy on the transformation of these two institutions. It will work closely with legal practitioners, industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers towards practicable reforms in these institutions. The coalition will also work closely with senior legal practitioners, and ‘users’ who frequently appear in these tribunals as litigants and understand the cost of delays, unclear practices, and uncertainty.

### **III. Fellowship**

We are seeking motivated and passionate student fellows to join our coalition to do in-depth research and create a body of work that throws light on the workings of these institutions. As a student fellow, you will have the unique opportunity to contribute to impactful research, policy analysis, and advocacy efforts by being part of the DAKSH team, which will be the secretariat of the NCLT/NCLAT Coalition. This role is ideal for students keen to make a difference in the administration of corporate justice and the workings of the commercial laws on the ground.

This fellowship is unique because it provides a close understanding of the working of these tribunals. Additionally, it seeks to bridge the gap between academia and industry and gives you an early start for those interested in pursuing a career in this domain.

#### **IV. Key Responsibilities:**

- Assist in conducting in-depth research on the functioning of NCLT/NCLAT
- Deliberations with coalition members and experts to provide solutions to the existing loopholes
- Conducting surveys, interviews and discussions with the other stakeholders
- Analysing case studies, tribunal decisions, and relevant legal frameworks
- Assisting in drafting policy papers, reports, and advocacy materials related to our project
- Collaborating with researchers, practitioners, and policymakers
- Participating in coalition meetings, workshops, and events.

#### **V. Qualifications:**

- Current enrolled in a recognized undergraduate/postgraduate law program
- Freshly qualified lawyers (after January 2023) may also apply
- Applicants must be in the 3rd Year of the LLB Program or 4th/5th Year of B. A LLB Program or pursuing LLM programme.
- Preference will be given to students with a demonstrated interest in commercial laws, especially IBC, Companies Act, etc.
- Excellent research and writing skills
- Ability to work and manage things along with the Academic schedule of the University

#### **VI. Duration:**

This Fellowship will be for 12 months requiring a commitment of approximately 10-15 hours per week. The schedule is flexible to accommodate your academic commitments. The position will be based remotely, allowing you to work from your location. However, failure to adhere to our work schedule may result in the termination of the fellowship before the term.

## VII. **Benefits:**

- **Stipend: INR 5,000 per month** will be provided to support your work and commitment during the fellowship  
The opportunity to
- Gain practical experience in legal research and policy advocacy.
- Work closely with experienced lawyers, corporate professionals and policymakers.
- Receive mentorship and guidance from senior members of the coalition.
- Enhance your understanding of corporate law and tribunal reforms.
- Certificate of completion and a letter of recommendation upon successful completion.

## VIII. **Application Process:**

Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

1. A cover letter detailing your interest in the position and relevant qualifications.
2. Your up-to-date resume/CV.
3. A brief writing sample (preferably as a sole author, academic or research-based, if available).

Shortlisted candidates will need to undergo an interview by a panel of experts. Three candidates will be selected for this Fellowship.

### **Application Deadline:**

Applications must be submitted by **15th July 2024**.

### **How to Apply:**

All applications must be submitted via email to ***internship@dakshindia.org***

Join us in our alliance to improve the working of NCLT and NCLAT!

For any questions or additional information, please contact us at ***ritima@dakshindia.org***