

Call for Applications

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Date: 20.03.2026

Applications are invited from eligible and interested candidates for project on
“Enhancing Access to Justice for Undertrial Prisoners” as given below:

| S. No | Name of Position | Number of position (s) | Monthly remuneration | Duration |
|-------|------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Project Manager | 01 | 80,000/- | Initial appointment for 11 Months |
| 2 | Project Fellow (Legal) | 03 | 40,000/- | |
| 3 | Project Fellow (Social work) | 02 | 40,000/- | |

About the Programme:

The programme is designed to provide comprehensive legal assistance, case review, and documentation support to undertrial prisoners at Sabarmati Central Jail, Ahmedabad. It focuses on the timely identification of eligible prisoners and facilitates the preparation, filing and effective follow-up of bail applications. In addition, the programme seeks to strengthen institutional coordination among GNLU, the District Legal Services Authority, prison authorities, defence counsel and probation officers to expedite bail proceedings. It also aims to conduct periodic, rights-based legal awareness sessions within the prison to enhance legal literacy and access to justice among inmates.

- The programme has been supported by Azim Premzi Foundation.
- Geographical Area: Ahmedabad and surrounding areas.

Eligibility Criteria

(i) Project Manager

Essential criteria

- A degree in Law (LL.B./LL.M.).
- Minimum of 4 years' experience in legal practice.
- Must be eligible to appear before the courts as on the date of application.
- Working knowledge of Gujarati language.

- Knowledge of Computer applications.

Desirable:

- Prior experience of working in a legal aid project focused on access to justice, prison reforms, women, children or other marginalized sections of the society.

Role and responsibilities

- Under the overall supervision of Project Director, the Project Manager shall be the primary liaison officer and responsible to execute the programme, Supervise, guide and monitor Legal Fellows and Social Work Fellows. Project Manager shall ensure overall smooth implementation of programme with timely reporting and financial due diligence.

(II) Project Fellow (Legal)

Essential criteria

- A degree in Law (LL.B./LL.M.).
- Minimum of 2 years' post qualification experience in legal practice.
- Must be eligible to appear before the courts as on the date of application.
- Working knowledge of Gujarati language
- Knowledge of Computer applications

Desirable:

- Prior experience of working in a legal aid project focused on access to justice, prison reforms, women, children or other marginalized sections of the society.

Role and responsibilities

- Draft, file and argue the bail petitions and other applications before the competent courts along with the Gujarat High Court. Project Fellow (Legal) shall be offering legal advise along with necessary legal documentation work to facilitate the release of eligible undertrial prisoners on bail. Project Fellow (Legal) shall be responsible to maintain detailed case records and coordinate with the Project Fellow (Social work) under the supervision of Project Manager and overall supervision of Project Director.
- Project Fellow- Legal are allowed to continue their independent legal practice subject to primary responsibility within the project and with disclosure to the Project Director. In any case the precedent shall be for programme work.

(III) Project Fellow (Social work)

Essential criteria

- Post Graduate Degree in Social Work or any allied discipline from a recognized Indian University.
- Minimum of 2 years' post qualification experience of working with a governmental or non-governmental organization engaging with prison reforms, economically marginalized sections of society or similar aspects of social work.
- Working knowledge of Gujarati language.
- Knowledge of Computer applications.

Desirable:

- Prior experience of working in similar legal aid project focused on women, children or other marginalized sections of the society.

Role and responsibilities

- Project Fellow (Social work) shall be responsible to undertake field visits, local travel as required, maintain detailed case files and report to the Project Coordinator and Project Director.
- Project Fellow (Social work) shall provide comprehensive support in conducting need assessments at prisons for undertrial prisoners. The Project Fellow (Social work) shall Work in close coordination with the Project Fellow (Legal) to provide psycho-social support and other case related follow-up.

GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

- **Tenure:** The initial appointment for abovementioned positions shall be for 11 months. The tenure may be extended based on satisfactory performance, needs and availability of funds.
- The staff will be purely for the implementation of programme and in any manner will not be the employee of the Gujarat National Law University or the Azim Premzi foundation for any purpose.
- **Interested candidates fulfilling the above-mentioned criteria must email their latest Curriculum Vitae (CV) along with supporting education qualification documents by email to: gmluapfproject@gnlu.ac.in**
- **Email Subject Line must consist of the Position Applied (e.g., “Application for Project Fellow- Legal”).**

- Only Shortlisted candidates will be notified about the date, time and place of interview separately by email only. No separate call letters will be sent.
- Travel: No Travel Allowance (T.A.) or Daily Allowance (D.A.) will be paid for attending the interview.
- Project Director retains the discretion to amend/modify/relax the criteria as mentioned above or revise the terms of appointment as may be required for effective implementation of programme.
- **Last date of application: 04th April 2026**

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Project Director