

**Research Internship with Prof. (Dr.) Bimal N. Patel,**  
**Member-Designate UN International Law Commission**  
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**About Rashtriya Raksha University:**

Rashtriya Raksha University, an Institution of National Importance of India, Pioneering National Security and Police University of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is established by the Parliament of India, Act No. 31 of 2020.

The University aims to become an academic-research-training ecosystem for national security and police. It endeavours to create a highly professional and well-trained police and security force in the nation with a carefully developed perception of reassurance to the citizen rather than a threat. RRU focusses on developing curriculum for national security, police education, research, and training through its qualified civilian and professional faculty, committed human resources, motivated participants and students. RRU offers an intellectually stimulating and professionally disciplined environment, and a world-wide network for knowledge sharing and exchange.

It aims at providing education in contemporary and futuristic security and strategic studies with an interdisciplinary perspective. The University contributes to the vision of India of peace and prosperity in a stable world in alliance with grand strategic cooperation between like-minded nations. The RRU mandate is geared at promoting greater understanding between internal security officers, military and paramilitary forces, diplomats, civil servants, and civilians to further the cause of the Nation.

It adopts a two-tier approach, at the national and international level, in its education, research, training, and extension activities to be able to respond to the needs, expectations, and aspirations of its key stakeholders in the security and strategic community including legislative, judicial, economic, governance and the civil society counterparts.

**Role Description:**

Rashtriya Raksha University has constituted a Centre for International Law with the mandate to contribute towards the codification and progressive development of international law. This job involves assisting the undertaking research in the intersection of international law and security by way of contributing towards the research verticals of the RCIL. The RCIL performs dedicated research on areas such as Sanctions, Border laws, Arms Control and Disarmament, and Intelligence laws. Besides the academic rigour necessary for the job, the potential candidate must be able to apply their analytical thinking to assess the strategic effects / impact of the developments in international law, and appropriately balance it with the progressive development of international law.

The role is open for all nationalities and encourages nationals – students, academics and practitioners of public international law - **from African, South and South-East Asian, Central Asian, SIDS and CARICOM nations.**

**Areas of Focus:**

- Succession of States in respect of State Responsibility;
- Immunity of State officials from foreign criminal jurisdiction;
- General principles of law;
- Sea-level rise in relation to international law;
- Settlement of disputes to which international organizations are parties;
- Prevention and repression of piracy and armed robbery at sea;
- Subsidiary means for the determination of rules of international law;
- Non-legally binding international agreements.

It is desirable if sample writing can be on one of these areas of focus.

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

- Assists in collection, preparations, analysis and evaluation of research materials in areas as assigned in the field of public international law.
- Assists in compiling, analysing, synthesising and preparing notes on state practice, precedents and doctrines in concise simple and understandable form
- Assists in compiling, analysing and keeping track on judicial decisions and pronouncements of nation states and international and regional courts and tribunals
- Assists in identifying and conducting literature reviews of highly qualified publicists in international law on designated topics.
- Assists in preparations of materials for submission to governments, international organisations, courts and tribunals
- Assists other researchers with various tasks, including data entry, research, field research, and presentation preparation.
- Supports the team in training activities, events, and meetings by contributing to event programming, training materials, evaluations, and reporting
- Update relevant communication platforms and information management tools, such as an internal and external webpage or communities of practice tools.
- Any other roles and responsibilities assigned by the Member from time-to-time.

**Academic Profile:**

- Candidates with degree(s) in law, international relations, political science and other social sciences.
- Candidates with keen interest in public international law will be preferred.

- Previous research experience of working on topics related to public international law / International Law Commission.
- Sensitivity and understanding for diverse state practices, precedents and doctrines.
- **Work experience:** 1 years in any research roles preferable if has experience of working on matters of Public International Law, especially ILC.

**Essential skills and abilities:**

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs and an interest in continued knowledge of technology as it evolves.
- Ability to work alone and as part of a large research team.
- At least 1 year of related research experience preferred.
- Comfortable performing experiments alone without close guidance or supervision.
- Excellent communication skills in verbal and written formats.
- You have a keen eye for detail and organization.
- Ability to work a flexible schedule (24x7) performing research or data entry.
- Desire to perform accurate and ethical research to achieve results for the study.
- Ability to openness to learning new ways of performing research.
- Respect for people from diverse national, gender, economic, racial background.

**Desired Qualifications:**

- Demonstrated ability to research, analyse, and synthesize information.
- Ability to communicate clearly and concisely (written and oral).
- Comfortable working in a team, good interpersonal skills.
- Good level of autonomy/independence in managing work.
- Competent user of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Experience with information management tools such as Google Drive or Zotero, and skills for producing content on internet/intranet purposes.

**Application documents:**

- CV (maximum 2 pages).
- Motivation letter (maximum 1 page).
- A writing sample of up to 1000 words.
- Contact details as requested in the attached form.
- This position entitles no pay.
- Duration of the internship contract: 6 months (extendable, if candidates show promise).
- The selected interns will have to **work from RRU Campus** during their vacation/internship period of their respective Universities.

**Note:**

- *Candidates not furnishing their documents as requested above may consider their application automatically disqualified.*
- *The role entitles no pay and a token stipend, in form or cash or kind, may be possible depending upon the needs of the selected candidates and availability of funds / grants. Subject to the availability of funds or sponsorship, the intern may have possibility to accompany the Member for ILC related meetings.*
- *Female candidates, with interest in promoting gender perspective in international law, are encouraged to apply.*
- *The role requires physical presence on the premises – boarding and lodging on the campus will be facilitated and visa assistance will be provided.*
- *The selected research intern(s) may apply for sponsorship/ scholarship/ stipend in their home country or international organisations, funding agencies including embassies and a suitable recommendation letter will be made available to support the cause of research for the progressive promotion of international law.*

Contact details: RRU Centre for International Law, [ilc@rru.ac.in](mailto:ilc@rru.ac.in) before 31 December 2023.