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(A Deemed to be University under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)

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Application invited for Assistant Professor- Law and Public Policy (One Post) on Contract Basis for one year and & Post Doctoral Fellow (One-year fixed term) for School of Public Policy and Governance, TISS- Hyderabad Off Campus and School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance, TISS Mumbai

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (www.tiss.ac.in), established in the year 1936 is a Deemed to be University, under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956, a grant-in-aid Institute under Ministry of Education, Government of India. TISS is a Grade I University as per NAAC assessment 2024.

With four campuses at Mumbai (main campus), Hyderabad, Guwahati and Tuljapur (rural campus), TISS currently offers 05 Undergraduate programmes, 52 Masters' Degree programmes and 21 Ph.D. programmes in a range of socially relevant inter-disciplinary areas of applied Social Sciences including 28 Bachelor of Vocational degree programmes.

Freedom and autonomy shape the positive work ethos and culture of the Institute and facilitate strong linkages between teaching, research, field action and policy engagement. The Institute encourages and supports researchers to engage in foundational, applied, field and action- oriented research, and it also nurtures research collaborations nationally and internationally, with a commitment to creating a just society through education, generation of knowledge and field action initiatives.

The School of Public Policy and Governance (SPPG) has a mandate to create a cadre of public policy professionals who through their multi-disciplinary training respond to current policy challenges and incubate ideas to proactively meet future demands. The school provides interdisciplinary foundational training in Ethics and Policy, Economics (including econometrics), Law, Sustainability, Political Science, and Sociology. It encourages students to be reflexive in developing institutional designs that can transform public services and resource governance. The School offers eight post-graduate courses – MA in Public Policy and Governance, MA in Natural Resources and Governance, MA in Cities and Governance, MA in Public Policy and International Relations (Dual Degree with Macquarie University, Sydney), MA in Public Policy and Law (Integrated LLM), PGD in Public Policy and Governance, PGD in Natural Resources and Governance, and PGD in Cities and Governance.

The School of Law, Rights and Constitutional Governance (SLRCG) at TISS Mumbai Campus. The School recognises law, human rights, and public policy as central to democratic governance, development, and social justice. Together, legal frameworks and public policy instruments shape how constitutional values are translated into institutions, programmes, and regulatory practices. The School is committed to socially relevant legal education that engages with policy design, governance processes, and rights-based interventions, while promoting rigorous education in human rights and constitutional governance

The school invites applications from interested scholars for

- **ONE post of Assistant Professor in Law and Public Policy** with joint appointment at the School of Law Rights and Constitutional Governance & School of Public Policy and Governance. The candidate should have a primary degree – undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD in Law. Besides the formal degree, the candidate should have demonstrated research capacity to engage in law within broader public policy technology with focus on AI and regulatory frameworks. The position is expected to offer courses as per the Institute's norms along with assist in academic and programme administration, including seminars, workshops, research coordination, and student mentoring. The position requires the ability to work in interdisciplinary academic environments and to engage with policy-oriented research and institutional processes. The position is based out from both Hyderabad and Mumbai campus with at least a semester in an academic year in Mumbai Campus.

Pay Scale: Assistant Professors (Entry pay of Rs. 57700/- in the Academic Pay level 10 as per 7th CPC)

- **One position of Post-Doctoral Fellow** with joint supervision by the faculty School of Public Policy and Governance, TISS Hyderabad and School of Law Rights and Constitutional Governance, TISS Mumbai. The candidate is expected to undertake research on law and welfare policy, law and economics, **or** law and regulatory governance, with particular relevance to the Indian context. The Fellow is expected to analyse how legal frameworks, regulatory institutions, and policy instruments shape policy outcomes, markets, and governance processes. In addition to research, the Fellow will contribute to teaching support at the postgraduate level and assist in academic and programme administration. The position requires the ability to work in interdisciplinary academic environments and to engage with policy-oriented research and institutional processes.

Compensation for Post Doctoral Fellowship: Rs. 80,000 consolidated with annual increment (if extended after one year) as per the Institute's norms.

Both the positions are supported by the Institute's funds and will be on a contractual basis initially for a period of one year, with possibility of extension based on review of performance and availability of funds.

Educational Qualification for the Position of Assistant Professor

Essential Qualification:

Eligibility (A or B):

A.

- A Master's degree with 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale wherever the grading system is followed) in law from a recognised university.
- Besides fulfilling the above qualifications, the candidate must have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC or the CSIR, or a similar test accredited by the UGC, like SLET/SET or who are or have been awarded a Ph. D. Degree in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or 2016 and their amendments from time to time as the case may be exempted from NET/SLET/SET:

Provided, the candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme prior to July 11, 2009, shall be governed by the provisions of the then existing Ordinances/Bye-laws/Regulations of the Institution awarding the degree, and such Ph.D. candidates shall be exempted from the requirement of NET /SLET /SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor subject to the or equivalent positions in Universities/Colleges/Institutions fulfilment of the following conditions: -

- a) The Ph.D. degree of the candidate has been awarded in a regular mode;
 - b) The Ph.D. thesis has been evaluated by at least two external examiners;
 - c) An open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate has been conducted;
 - d) The Candidate has published two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work, out of which at least one is in a refereed journal;
 - e) The candidate has presented at least two papers based on his/her Ph.D work in conferences/seminars sponsored/funded/supported by the UGC / ICSSR/ CSIR or any similar agency.
- The fulfillment of these conditions is to be certified by the Registrar or the Dean (Academic Affairs) of the University concerned.

Note: NET/SLET/SET shall also not be required for such Masters Programmes in disciplines for which NET/SLET/SET is not conducted by the UGC, CSIR or similar test accredited by the UGC, like SLET/SET.

OR

B. The Ph. D degree has been obtained from a foreign university/institution with a ranking among the top 500 in the World University Ranking (at any time) by any one of the following: (i) Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) (ii) the Times Higher Education (THE) or (iii) the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) of the Shanghai Jiao Tong University (Shanghai).

Desirable Qualification for the position of Assistant Professor

- Applicants must hold a Ph.D. and should have Interdisciplinary academic background or training (including engineering, technology, social sciences, or allied fields) enabling teaching and research in areas such as Artificial Intelligence and law, data protection, cyber governance, and technology policy.
- Teaching experience at undergraduate and/or postgraduate levels in law or public policy programmes, with evidence of handling courses aligned with TISS's practice-oriented and socially responsive pedagogy.
- Record of scholarly research, including publications in peer-reviewed journals, and experience in supervising post graduate dissertations and/or doctoral research.
- Professional or field experience as an advocate, or engagement with courts, regulatory bodies, government institutions, or civil society organisations, contributing to experiential and field-based learning.

The selected candidate will contribute to teaching, student mentoring, and research initiatives at the TISS Hyderabad off campus. In addition to teaching across programmes of the Institute, the candidate should demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively, engage with new and emerging research areas, and take responsibility for the coordination of workshops, experiential learning activities, and academic administration, as required from time to time

Educational Qualification for the Position of Post Doctoral Fellow

Eligibility/ Essential Qualification

- Ph.D. degree in Law/ Law and Economics/ Law and Public Policy/Any other interdisciplinary discipline with explicit focus on Law, Legislative and Legal aspects of Public Policy (Provisional Certificate may be accepted in case the degree is not awarded).
- Candidates should be below 35 years of age (as of the date/last date of application). There shall be age relaxation for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Women/PWD (Persons with Disabilities) and Transgender for 5 years.
- If the selected candidate is availing of any other fellowship/remuneration, he/she will have to resign from the same before accepting the Post-Doctoral Fellowship at TISS
- Those candidates who have already availed of any kind of Post-Doctoral Fellowship from UGC need not apply under the scheme.
- General category candidates having a minimum of 55% of marks or equivalent percentage converted from CGPA score at the Postgraduate level are eligible to apply. A relaxation of 5% of marks is allowed for reserved categories (SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/ PWD (Persons with Disabilities) and Transgender).

Desirable Qualification

- Demonstrated research interest at the intersection of law and public policy, with a focus on welfare policy, law and economics, or regulatory and governance frameworks, preferably in the Indian context.
- Strong grounding in public law, regulatory law, or policy analysis, with the ability to link legal frameworks to policy outcomes, markets, and governance processes.
- Evidence of quality research output, including publications in peer-reviewed journals, policy briefs, or working papers.
- Familiarity with interdisciplinary research methods (doctrinal, empirical, qualitative, or mixed methods) and engagement with policy-oriented research.
- Willingness to undertake academic coordination or programme administration, such as organising seminars, workshops, research projects, or supporting academic programmes.
- Ability to work collaboratively across interdisciplinary academic environments and across institutional locations (Hyderabad and Mumbai campuses).

Other Conditions:

- The Institute reserves the right to relax the qualifications of the candidate based on the work experience and to relax age in the case of persons already holding comparable positions in a University/Research Institution of repute.
- The Institute reserves the right to invite persons for interviews who may not have applied as per the above procedure and not fill up the vacancy advertised.
- Since applications received may be short-listed, merely possessing the prescribed qualifications and the requisite experience would not entitle a person to be called for the interview.
- The post is unreserved, but candidates belonging to the reserved category can apply.
- No queries or correspondence regarding the issue of call letter for interview/selection of candidates for the post will be entertained at any stage and canvassing in any form is strictly prohibited and will lead to the candidate being debarred from consideration for the post.
- The candidate under employment must produce a 'No Objection Certificate' from their employer to appear for an interview.
- No TA/DA is payable for appearing for the interview.
- In case of any inadvertent error in the advertisement and in the process of recruitment, which may be detected at any stage, even after issuing the appointment order, the Institute reserves the right to modify/withdraw/cancel any communication made to the candidate(s).

Application Process:

- The candidates are requested to apply online through the link (Apply Now) provided along with this advertisement on the Institute's website at www.tiss.ac.in.
- The candidates are requested to take a print of the acknowledgment of the online application and keep it for future reference.

Last date of receipt of online application: 10 May 2026.

Interview: The eligible candidates will be communicated by an e-mail to attend the online interview.

Verification of documents: The shortlisted candidates are required to send scanned copies of their coloured passport size photograph, self-attested photocopies of relevant certificates in support of the essential qualification & experience. Original certificates will be verified only for the selected candidate at the time of appointment.

Note: The selected candidate would be required to join within 15 days of selection.

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Officiating Registrar