

Kathmandu School of Law

Purbanchal University, Nepal



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Call for Student Research Grant 2024

Kathmandu School of Law Research Department calls for research proposals from BA LLB 3rd year to 5th year and LLM 1st and 2nd year students for Student Research Grant 2024. It aims at creating research aptitude amongst aspiring students and coming up with publishable academic articles. Research in the following emerging areas of law and interdisciplinary areas of law are encouraged. Students can develop proposals on any one of the following topics of interest in one or more of the following areas:-

1. Role of ICJ in Israel-Palestine Dispute
2. Nepali Mercenaries in Russia-Ukraine War: IHL and Other Laws
3. Historical and Culture Intervention in Small Countries by Powerful Countries
4. Global Governance and International Organizations
5. Migrant Workers and Specific Issues (Empirical study of a Province/Area)
6. Criminal Law Reforms in India: Impact on Nepali Migrants
7. Intersection of Human Rights and Environment Protections: With Special Focus on Vulnerable Population (Impact of Hydro-electric Power Projects etc.)
8. Addressing Lessening Agricultural Productivity: Need for an Agricultural Act?
9. Economic Powerhouses in Nepal and Fiscal Policy Corruption: Issues, Challenges and Solutions
10. Challenges of Academic Excellence in Nepal: Originality, Plagiarism and Copyright
11. Family Law Reforms in Nepal: An Empirical Study
12. Hybrid Legal System of Nepal: Issues and Prospects
13. Forensic Science in Nepal: Need for Legal Reforms for Improving Criminal Investigation
14. Social Norms and Interaction with State Laws: A Pathway for Legal Reforms
15. Understanding Law in Different 'Isms'
16. Decolonizing Jurisprudence: A Comparative Law Perspective
17. Interaction of Law and Religion: Problems and Prospects
18. Law and Poverty: Solutions from Legal Institutions
19. Role of Parliament in Difference Governance Systems: A Comparative Study (Socialism Oriented, Capitalism Oriented, Welfarism, Mixed Models)
20. Comparative Constitutionalism: Checks and Balances in Different Constitutions
21. Governance of Artificial Intelligence: Fast Technology Slow Law
22. Virtual Reality and Crimes: Plugging the Legal Loopholes
23. Digital Platforms and Protection of Freedoms
24. E-commerce Bill and its Prospects (Examples from Best Practices around the World)
25. *Meter Byaj* or Compound Interest: Analysing the Economic Offences
26. Insurance Laws in Nepal: Reforms and Regulations
27. Terai Arc Landscape: An Example for Environmental Policies (Exploring Negative and Positive Aspects)
28. Nepal as Arbitration Hub: Prospects and Challenges

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Research Proposal Requirements

Research proposal shall comprise of the following (10-15 Pages) details:-

- Ref. No.:
- a) Cover page mentioning the applicant's name, title/topic and relevant details (contact details), declaration on plagiarism (For example, I hereby declare that this is my original work, concept and writing) with signature.
 - b) Abstract (Maximum 300 Words)
 - i) An introductory sentence or two on the broad theme of the paper
 - ii) What is the theoretical framework of the paper (E.g. Post colonialism or realism)?
 - iii) Whether the paper is doctrinal or empirical? If empirical, then what will be the specific methods used for the paper?
 - iv) In a sentence or two, write the sub-themes or sub-sections of the paper.
 - c) Background of the Study
 - d) Research Questions
 - e) Objectives of the Study
 - f) Rationale of the Study
 - g) Limitations of the Study
 - h) Methodology (Clearly mentioning Qualitative and/or Quantitative methods)
 - i) Literature Review- Identification of Literature Gaps and how the present study would fill the gaps
 - j) Sub-themes of the paper
 - k) Detailed Bibliography
Bibliography shall consist of the primary and secondary sources available in the area of study. It should be broad, consisting of books, articles, case law and other materials that would be used for the paper. Use KSL Comprehensive Style Guide for citation style- https://kslreview.org/public/journals/5/images/Style_Guide_KSLR_Ebook.pdf

Note:

- Application can be made individually or in group not exceeding three members in total.
- Students of the same year can only form a group.
- No student can apply individually and in group at the same time.
- Same individual cannot be a co-researcher in different groups.
- The recipient of same grant in the last two years is not eligible to apply this year.

The proposal shall be sent to research@ksl.edu.np. The deadline for the proposal submission is 10 May 2024 (5 PM). For required facilitation and clarifications, please contact Research Department

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