National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

Call for Applications for advocates practicing in Assam

Applications are invited from eligible early-career advocates in Assam for the forthcoming cohort of the Lawyer Fellowship Programme — a one-year, field-embedded fellowship offered by the National Law University and Judicial Academy (NLUJA), Assam, in collaboration with the Azim Premji Foundation.

About the Fellowship

The Lawyer Fellowship is an intensive, field-embedded track for practitioners with early experience who are ready to deepen their competence and step into leadership. Over one year, Fellows handle real casework — legal aid, public interest litigation and rights-based advocacy — under the close guidance of senior practitioners and NLUJA faculty, while also mentoring junior lawyers and leading community outreach.

For Fellows drawn from Assam, the programme places particular emphasis on the region's distinctive legal landscape — customary legal systems, special constitutional arrangements, and access-to-justice challenges in remote districts — building a network of practitioners capable of addressing both local disputes and wider rights-based concerns.

At a glance

Who	Advocates with 2–5 years of continuous practice
Where	Practicing in Assam
Duration	One year, field-embedded (with in-person intensives at NLUJA, Assam)
Cohort	6 Fellows selected across the Fellowship state

Mode	Blended — field placement + periodic in-person blocks + weekly online sessions
Award	Certificate of Fellowship from NLUJA, Assam, with an end-line impact brief

Who should apply — eligibility

You are eligible to apply if you meet all of the following:

- Enrolled as an advocate with a State Bar Council.
- 2 to 5 years of continuous practice (minimum 2, maximum 5) as on the last date for applications.
- Currently practising in Assam.
- Proven engagement in trial / lower-court litigation, legal aid, or rights-based / community work.
- Potential to independently manage legal-aid cases and to contribute to systemic legal reform.
- Capacity and willingness to mentor junior lawyers.
- Able to commit to the full one-year tenure, including in-person intensive blocks at NLUJA, Assam, and placement in a designated district.

Preference will be given to applicants practising in trial and lower courts and those with a demonstrated commitment to public-interest law and community engagement.

What Fellows will do

- Handle end-to-end casework — legal aid matters, public interest litigation and systemic advocacy — under senior mentorship.
- Be embedded in a designated district or block, working with the State and District Legal Services Authorities, NGOs and community-based organisations.
- Mentor junior advocates and CLE participants, and facilitate peer-learning workshops and simulations.
- Lead legal-awareness initiatives and rights-based outreach, and train local stakeholders such as paralegals and community volunteers.
- Attend periodic in-person intensives at NLUJA, Assam, and weekly online sessions on case strategy, advanced topics and project management.

What Fellows receive

- Intensive, structured mentorship from a senior mentor (a High Court / Senior Advocate).

- Exposure to complex casework and a cross-jurisdictional network of practitioners across the North-East.
- A Certificate of Fellowship from NLUJA, Assam, with an end-line impact brief; an optional letter of recommendation for those completing with distinction.
- Advanced workshops and access to NLUJA's academic resources and legal databases during in-person blocks.
- Stipend / financial support & accommodation for in-person blocks — to be paid as per project guidelines.

Representation & equity

The Fellowship is committed to a fair and inclusive cohort. At least 40% of Fellows will be women, and at least 30% will be drawn from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other marginalised backgrounds. Selection also gives attention to geographical balance across districts.

Selection process

- Submit your application through the official Email-Id **(see 'How to apply').**
- Application dossier: case history, a self-authored writing sample, and a statement of purpose.
- Shortlisting on the basis of prior commitment to legal aid, rights-based advocacy or community engagement.
- Two-stage interview — one online and one in-person — before a panel of senior advocates, academics and representatives of the Legal Services Authorities.
- Final selection of Fellows, with a waitlist maintained in reserve.

What to prepare

Keep the following ready before you begin — you will upload them in the portal:

- A statement of purpose (500–800 words) on why you seek the Fellowship and what you hope to achieve.
- A self-authored writing sample (a pleading, legal opinion, article or note). Anonymise all client-identifying details.
- A short case history of matters you have handled (anonymised).
- Your curriculum vitae, Bar enrolment certificate, law degree, a government photo ID, and — if applicable — category / disability certificates.
- Contact details for two referees who can speak to your practice and character.

How to apply

Applications are accepted only through E-mail:

Apply online
E-mail ID: registrar@nluassam.ac.in
Send all the required documents, and submit before the deadline. **(03 October 2026)**

Key dates

Applications open	23 September 2026
Last date to apply	03 October 2026
Online interaction	To be notified to the concerned.
In-person interview	To be notified to the concerned.
Orientation & commencement	November 2026 (Tentative)

Dates are indicative and will be confirmed on the portal. Please check the portal for updates.

Contact

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Important notes

- All information and documents submitted must be true and correct; misrepresentation will lead to disqualification.
- Client confidentiality must be maintained — anonymise all client data in writing samples and case histories.
- The Fellowship is an equal-opportunity programme; applications from women, persons with disabilities and candidates from marginalised communities are especially encouraged.

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

Call for Applications for Entry-Level Lawyers in Assam

Applications are invited from eligible early-career Lawyers in Assam for the forthcoming cohort of the **Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Programme** — a **Six Month**, field-embedded Programme offered by the National Law University and Judicial Academy (NLUJA), Assam, in collaboration with the Azim Premji Foundation.

About the Programme

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Programme is designed to strengthen the professional capacity of early-career lawyers and enhance access to quality, rights-based legal services across Assam. The programme will provide recently qualified lawyers with structured learning, practical exposure, professional mentoring, and opportunities to engage with real-world legal and community issues.

The CLE curriculum will cover key areas of legal practice, including criminal justice, gender laws, education and health rights, land and property law, procedural law, legal drafting, professional ethics, and the use of legal technology. Classroom-based learning will be complemented by field assignments, exposure visits to courts, jails, and public institutions, as well as collaborative engagements with civil society organisations and NGOs. This blended approach will enable participants to connect legal knowledge with practical challenges encountered.

The programme will primarily focus on lawyers from geographically remote districts of Assam, with particular attention to tribal and hill areas. Young lawyers working in these areas often have limited opportunities for structured professional mentoring and continuing legal education.

By building locally rooted legal capacity, the programme seeks to support a new generation of advocates who are equipped to understand and respond to region-specific legal challenges while remaining grounded in constitutional values and

statutory frameworks. It aims to foster practical legal competence, analytical thinking, ethical practice, and socially responsive approaches.

Ultimately, the CLE Programme seeks to contribute to a stronger and more accessible local justice ecosystem by enabling young advocates to provide effective, informed, and rights-based legal services and to respond meaningfully to the needs of individuals and communities within their respective districts.

At a glance

Who	Early-career lawyers who have recently completed their legal education
Where	Fresh Law Graduate/Practicing in Assam
Duration	Six months, field-embedded (with in-person intensives at NLUJA, Assam)
Cohort	20 Law graduate selected across the state
Mode	Blended — field placement + periodic in-person blocks + weekly online sessions
Award	Certificate from NLUJA, Assam, with an end-line impact brief

Who should apply — eligibility

You are eligible to apply if you meet all of the following:

- Freshers (Law Graduate) / Freshers enrolled as an advocate with a State Bar Council. **(0 – 2 years of experience)**
- Able to commit to the full Six-months tenure, including in-person intensive blocks at NLUJA, Assam.

Preference will be given to young and early-career lawyers who have recently completed their legal education..

What Trainees will do

- Attend structured training sessions on **criminal justice, gender laws, education and health rights, land and property law, procedural law, legal drafting, ethics, and legal technology**.
- Participate in **practical exercises, case discussions, simulations, and problem-solving sessions** based on real-life legal issues.
- Undertake **field-based assignments** to understand legal and justice-related challenges within their communities.

- Visit **courts, jails, legal aid institutions, government offices, and other public institutions** to gain practical exposure to the justice system.
- Work collaboratively with **NGOs and civil society organisations** on community-focused legal issues.
- Develop skills in **legal research, drafting, advocacy, documentation, and use of digital legal resources**.
- Engage with issues relating to **customary practices, Sixth Schedule governance, land and resource disputes, and access to justice** relevant to their regions.
- Receive **professional mentoring and peer-learning opportunities** from experienced lawyers and practitioners.
- Apply their learning to their own practice and contribute to providing **accessible, ethical, and rights-based legal services** to individuals and communities in their respective districts.

What Trainees receive

- Intensive, structured mentorship from a senior mentor (a High Court / Senior Advocate).
- Exposure to complex casework and a cross-jurisdictional network of practitioners across the State.
- A Certificate from NLUJA, Assam, with an end-line impact brief; an optional letter of recommendation for those completing with distinction.
- Advanced workshops and access to NLUJA's academic resources and legal databases during in-person blocks.
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