

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ADVANCED LEGAL STUDIES

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Date: 09/10/2026

NOTIFICATION

ADMISSION TO THE DOCTOR OF LAWS (LL.D.) PROGRAMME – 2026-2027

Applications in the prescribed format are invited from eligible candidates for admission to the prestigious Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) Degree Programme (Post-Doctoral Degree in Law) at the National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS), Kochi, for the Academic Year 2026-2027.

1. PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) is the highest post-doctoral academic degree awarded in the faculty of law by NUALS. The programme is intended for legal scholars of exceptional scholarly standing who have demonstrated continuous commitment to advanced legal research, seminal publications, and critical jurisprudence post their Ph.D. degree.

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A candidate seeking registration for the LL.D. Programme shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

- (a) Shall possess a Ph.D. Degree in Law from NUALS or any recognized Indian or foreign University recognized by the UGC / AIU as equivalent thereto.
- (b) Shall have a minimum of three (3) to five (5) years of teaching or research experience in a recognized Law University, Faculty of Law, or premier Legal Research Institution after the award of the Ph.D. Degree.
- (c) Shall have substantial high-quality published research work to their credit post Ph.D., including a minimum of five (5) to ten (10) research papers published in peer-reviewed, UGC-CARE listed or SCOPUS indexed

journals, and/or books of recognized scholarly merit published by reputed national or international publishers.

(d) Shall submit a comprehensive Research Proposal on a contemporary, significant, and original area of legal studies.

3. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

The candidate shall be registered for a minimum period of three (3) years and a maximum period of six (6) years from the date of admission. An extension up to a maximum period of one (1) year may be granted in exceptional cases by the Academic Council upon recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee.

4. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION

The admission shall be finalized through a rigorous two-tier evaluation process:

Step 1: Scrutiny of the bio-data, academic credentials, post-Ph.D. publications, and research track record by the Screening Committee.

Step 2: Defence and presentation of the detailed Research Proposal before the Post-Doctoral Research Board followed by personal interview. The Board evaluates the originality, methodology, and jurisprudential contribution of the proposed work.

5. APPLICATION PROCEDURE & ENCLOSURES

Candidates shall submit their applications in the prescribed proforma available on the University website (www.nuals.ac.in). The application must be accompanied by:

1. Detailed Curriculum Vitae / Bio-data highlighting academic achievements and research contributions.
2. Comprehensive Research Proposal (in 2,500 to 4,000 words) detailing the Title, Statement of Problem, Research Questions, Literature Review, Methodology, Chapterization, and Scholarly Significance.
3. Full set of published papers (reprints) in UGC-CARE / Scopus journals and copies of books published post-Ph.D.
4. Self-attested copies of certificates and mark sheets of Secondary (10th), Higher Secondary (12th), LL.B., LL.M., and Ph.D. degrees.
5. Service Certificate / Experience Certificate establishing post-doctoral teaching and research tenure.
6. No Objection Certificate (NOC) and endorsement from the employer (if employed).
7. Community / Caste certificate (if applicable) for candidates claiming reservation benefits as per Kerala Government / NUALS regulations.
8. Receipt of Application Fee paid via SBI Collect.

6. APPLICATION & PROGRAMME FEES

- Application Fee: Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) [Rs. 2,500/- for SC/ST candidates].
- Payment Gateway: Fees must be remitted online through SBI Collect Gateway on the NUALS Website (<https://nuals.ac.in/Payment.aspx>) selecting category "Admissions / Research - LLD Programme".
- Programme Registration Fee: Rs. 25,000/- (payable upon admission).
- Annual Research & Infrastructure Fee: Rs. 50,000/- per annum.
- Refundable Caution Deposit: Rs. 15,000/-.

7. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

The duly completed application form along with all required enclosures, research proposal, publication copies, and fee payment receipt should reach the University on or before 15.11.2026, 5:00 PM at the following address:

The Registrar,
The National University of Advanced Legal Studies (NUALS),
NUALS Point, HMT Colony P.O., Kalamassery, Kochi – 683 503, Kerala, India.

Advance scanned copy of the complete application packet in a single PDF file shall be submitted via email to: admissions2026@nuals.ac.in and registrar@nuals.ac.in with subject line: "Application for Admission to LL.D. Programme 2026 – [Candidate Name]".

Incomplete applications, applications without fee receipt, or applications received after the stipulated last date will be summarily rejected without further correspondence.

Kalamassery, Kochi

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