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CENTRE FOR CHILD RIGHTS (CCR)

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

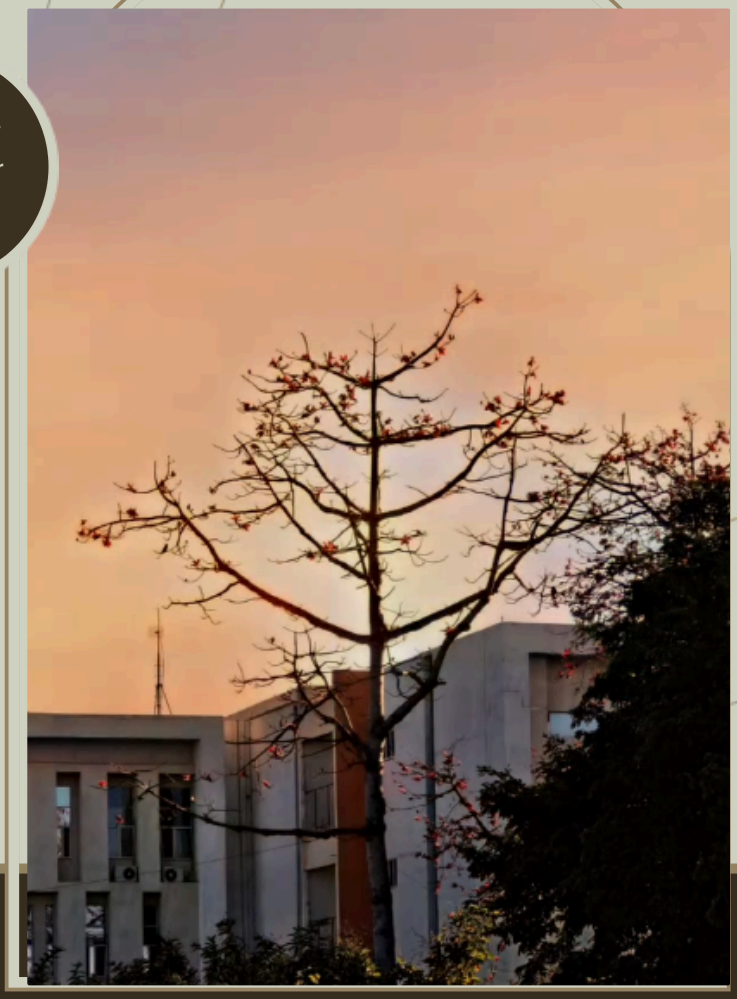
December 2026

THEME: FOSTER CARE

OFFLINE, FIELD-BASED INTERNSHIP
FOR LL.M. / POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

(APPLY BY November 20)





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ABOUT NUSRL

The National University Of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi is one of India's leading National Law Universities, established by the Government of India in 2010. It was established to advance the role of law and legal institutions in India's social, political, and economic development, and to build a legal culture responsive to the goals enshrined in the Constitution.

The University seeks to train legal scholars and professionals who can understand, disseminate, and apply law as an instrument of constitutional and democratic governance. It offers a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral courses, with a strong emphasis on interdisciplinary learning and practical exposure.

NUSRL is also home to various research centres and initiatives that focus on critical areas of law, policy, and social justice. One such notable initiative is the Centre for Child Rights (CCR), which operates under the umbrella of NUSRL and is hosting its **December 2026** offline, field-based internship programme on **Foster Care**.

ABOUT CCR

The Centre for Child Rights(CCR), under the aegis of the National University of Study and Research in Law (NUSRL), Ranchi, is a platform for research, discussion, and capacity-building on the rights and entitlements of children, and for those seeking to pursue a career in Child Rights and allied fields. CCR works towards creating public awareness and supporting the State's implementation of national and international legal instruments concerning children, including relevant provisions of the Indian Constitution.

With the support of UNICEF, CCR functions as a learning and research centre on child rights and protection. It has undertaken seminars, trainings, workshops, research initiatives, and field-based activities involving stakeholders from law and allied disciplines.

CCR operates at the intersection of law, policy, and practice, focusing on critical areas such as child protection, juvenile justice, family-based care, child-friendly justice, child marriage, and aftercare. Through research, field-based studies, and training programmes, the Centre strengthens child rights governance in Jharkhand and beyond.

Under the mentorship of the Centre's heads, senior faculty members, and technical experts, CCR continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to legal empowerment and child-centric development. By fostering a rights-based approach to law and governance, CCR upholds the foundational principles of equity, participation, and justice for all children.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Postgraduate students who exhibit commitment to child rights law and policy studies are invited to apply to the Centre for Child Rights (CCR), NUSRL, Ranchi. This internship is open **only to LL.M. / postgraduate students**. Interns will be allotted areas/districts for field research based on the Centre's ongoing priorities and, where possible, their stated preferences.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must fulfil the following criterion:

LL.M. / Postgraduate Programme	Currently enrolled in an LL.M. (one-year or two-year) or other postgraduate programme in law. **Students of undergraduate programmes (five-year integrated B.A. LL.B. and three-year LL.B.) are not eligible to apply.**

Application Deadline: 20 November 2026, 11:59 p.m. IST

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for the internship, candidates must:

- Fill in the online application form, accessible through the link or the QR code below, and respond to the questions in the form.
- Submit a well-drafted CV highlighting academic achievements, research experience, and prior internships (if any).

https://forms.gle/j6fgdjx3b9ntGXLx5

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection will be based on the CV; academic and/or research experience relevant to child rights or allied fields (with particular weight to field-research experience); demonstrated interest in Child Rights, Child Protection, and Foster Care; and responses to the questions in the application form. Shortlisted applicants may be contacted for a brief virtual interaction as part of the final selection.

INTERNSHIP THEME AND DURATION

The CCR internships are of **one month, from 1st to 30th December 2026**.Itis conducted in an **offline (in-person), field-based** format and is unpaid. The internship has a **single theme: Foster Care**, and all interns will work on field-based research within this theme.

THE FIELD-RESEARCH MODEL

The internship centres on field research with key stakeholders in the child protection and foster care system, such as **members of Child Welfare Committees (CWCs)** and other relevant functionaries. Each intern will:

- be handed a **questionnaire** on foster care, prepared by CCR;
- be **allotted specific areas/districts** in which to conduct the research;
- carry out **field research based on the questions in the questionnaire**, by meeting and interviewing the stakeholders in the allotted area/district; and
- compile the responses and findings into a field report, as per the task plan.

Interns will receive an orientation on the foster care framework, the questionnaire, and field-research methodology and ethics before they begin fieldwork. Interns will work under mentors from CCR, NUSRL, and associated thematic experts. Selected candidates will receive a task plan with submission dates and deadlines, which must be strictly followed. **The format, length, and submission deadline of the final report will be communicated at the start of the internship.**

AREAS OF WORK

Within the theme of Foster Care, interns will be engaged in:

- Field-based research on the implementation of Foster Care through interviews with CWC members and other stakeholders
- Documentation of field observations, practices, and challenges in the allotted areas/districts
- Compilation and analysis of the data collected through the questionnaire
- Preparation of a field report with findings and recommendations



MODE OF WORKING

The work model at CCR, NUSRL adopts structured flexibility which supports productive learning by interns. Interns need to actively engage with field research, documentation, and reporting tasks, together with mentorship activities, while following all established guidelines.

Offline Work Mode	The internship is conducted **offline**. Interns will undertake in-person field research in the area(s)/district(s) allotted to them.
Field Research	Each intern will conduct research on the basis of the questionnaire provided, by interacting with CWC members and other stakeholders in the allotted area/district. Details of allotment, logistics, and protocols will be communicated to selected interns by the CCR team.

The internship will follow a structured task plan that ensures smooth progress, transparency, and accountability at every stage.

SUBMISSION TO APPROVAL WORKFLOW

- Interns begin with an orientation, are handed the questionnaire, and are allotted areas/districts and mentors.
- Every task carries a fixed deadline and a responsible support team, which reviews the submission.
- Fieldwork, drafts, feedback sessions, and final submission are the key milestones. All outputs must be original and properly referenced.

TRACKING AND COMMUNICATION

- Progress on each task will be tracked against the task plan, allowing interns and mentors to monitor work at every stage.
- Mentors and support teams will provide regular feedback and guidance to help interns overcome challenges and refine their work.
- Clear and open lines of communication will be maintained through email, virtual meetings, and to other digital tools to facilitate timely updates. Queries may be sent **ccr.committee@nusrlranchi.ac.in**.

TASK PLAN: December 2026

#	TASK	EXPECTED OUTPUT	DEADLINE
1	**Orientation, Questionnaire Hand-over, and Allotment of Areas/Districts**	Orientation completed; questionnaire received; area/district allotted	By 3-Dec-26
2	**Preparatory Desk Research on Foster Care**	Short note on the foster care legal and policy framework	By 7-Dec-26
3	**Field Research with CWC Members and Other Stakeholders**	Interviews conducted and responses recorded per questionnaire	8-Dec-26 to 22-Dec-26
4	**Submission of Completed Questionnaires and Field Notes**	Filled questionnaires, field notes, and data sheet	24-Dec-26
5	**Draft Field Report**	Draft report on findings from the allotted area/district	27-Dec-26
6	**Final Report and Presentation of Findings**	Final field report; presentation to mentors	30-Dec-26

Deadlines and responsible teams are tentative and will be confirmed in the task plan shared with selected interns.

INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES

Interns at the Centre for Child Rights (CCR),NUSRL are expected to actively contribute to field-based research and documentation on foster care. Their responsibilities include:

Field Research	Conduct field research in the allotted area/district on the basis of the questionnaire provided, by meeting and interviewing CWC members and other stakeholders as directed by the CCR team.
Documentation and Data	Accurately record responses and observations, and organise the data collected from the field in the format prescribed by CCR.
Reporting	Prepare a draft and final field report presenting findings and recommendations on foster care in the allotted area/district, and present the findings to mentors.
Coordination	Remain in regular contact with mentors and the CCR team, report progress and field challenges promptly, and attend orientation and feedback sessions.

Compliance and Ethical Standards	All submissions must be original and properly referenced. Plagiarism or unedited AI-generated content may lead to disqualification, while AI assistance of up to 10% is permitted for editing, proofreading, or research support. Interns must maintain confidentiality and sensitivity while working on child protection themes, and must not disclose the identity of any child or confidential case details.

EVALUATION AND FEEDBACK

Multiple assessment criteria will determine the evaluation of internship performance at the Centre for Child Rights (CCR), NUSRL. The evaluation will measure the quality of work alongside participation and compliance with professional and ethical requirements.

Research Quality and Originality	Interns will be assessed on the depth of their field research, their analytical ability regarding foster care law and policy, clear legal reasoning, and proper referencing. All work must be original.
Field Research and Application of Knowledge	Evaluation will focus on the quality and completeness of the fieldwork conducted under the questionnaire, and on the ability to apply legal and policy principles to real foster care issues and connect theory with practical, evidence-based insights, particularly in the Jharkhand context.
Timely Submission and Final Outputs	Interns will be assessed on meeting the deadlines in the December task plan and on the final report, judged for clarity, originality, and impact. Interns will be expected to present their findings.
Participation and Feedback	Active participation in orientation, mentorship, and feedback sessions is mandatory. Mentors will provide regular feedback, and selected high-quality outputs may be published by CCR for advocacy, awareness, and knowledge dissemination.



COMPLETION AND CERTIFICATION

Interns at the Centre for Child Rights(CCR), NUSRL need to successfully complete their assigned tasks and final work, along with participation requirements, to receive certification. Completion will be assessed through the intern's performance, deadline compliance, and active participation.

Internship Certificate	Certificates will be issued on successful completion of the 30-day internship, subject to satisfactory participation and timely submission of the assigned final report. (Please note that certificates will only be provided to interns who complete the assignments satisfactorily.)
Letters of Appreciation	Certificates and Letters of Appreciation will be awarded to interns who successfully complete the programme and are outstanding.
Final Work or Report	The specific format, length, and submission deadline will be communicated to selected interns at the start of the internship. Submitted work will be assessed for originality, legal and policy depth, and its connection to child rights.

The completion of the internship at CCR, NUSRL creates a platform for interns to gain practical skills and field-research experience in child rights law and child protection, laying a foundation for careers in legal research, policy development, and advocacy.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All interns must adhere to the following standards:

Professionalism	Interns must demonstrate professionalism in all interactions with supervisors, mentors, and peers, and with the officials and stakeholders they meet during fieldwork.
Field Conduct	Interns must conduct field research only in the area/district allotted to them, follow the protocols and instructions communicated by the CCR team, and represent CCR and NUSRL with courtesy and integrity.
Timeliness	Interns are expected to meet deadlines and manage their time efficiently throughout the internship.
Confidentiality and Sensitivity	Any information shared during the internship must be kept confidential, and interns must be sensitive when working on child protection themes.

Originality	All submissions must be original and properly referenced. Plagiarism or unedited AI-generated content will lead to disqualification; AI assistance of up to 10% is permitted for editing, proofreading, or research support.
Punctuality	Participants are expected to maintain strict punctuality for all sessions and scheduled field engagements.
Engagement	Participation in orientation, mentorship, and feedback sessions and in all assigned tasks is mandatory. Active and serious involvement is expected.
Consequences	Repeated violations or lack of adherence to the code of conduct may lead to reconsideration of the issuance of certificates.

The CCR internship offers a unique opportunity to gain practical knowledge and first-hand field insight into the evolving field of children's rights. With a focus on both academic rigour and real-world application, the internship is designed to develop the skills, knowledge, and critical thinking necessary for a successful career.

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