

## NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD

### Guidelines for Project Work

#### **Purpose of Project Work writing:**

Writing a Project Work report on a specific topic enables the student to improve the language skills, intellectual enquiry, organizing the matter and analysis. „*Writing makes an exact man*’ (Francis Bacon). In searching and collecting sources for the topic, choosing relevant information and discarding the irrelevant, understanding and analyzing the subject matter and organizing the same into a final report, the author passes through a rigorous process of intellectual challenge and learning.

The student is expected to move away from total dependence on formal/class room teaching to elevate oneself to higher learning through self-discipline and critical intellectual enquiry. Project Work is the best opportunity to channelize ones intellectual energies and enhance research abilities.

#### **Guidelines for Project Work:**

1. Each student has to submit one Project Work for each subject.
2. One student should work individually on one Project Work. Co-authored or multiple authored Project Work will not be accepted.
3. Each student has to submit a Project Proposal to the Centre for the purposes for verification. The Centre staff will review the proposal and will either confirm or suggest necessary modifications in the Project Work Proposal. The student, upon making necessary modifications, if any, will start working on the Project Work .
4. Each Project Work carries 30 Marks.
5. Last Date to Change the Project Topic, with prior approval of Research Committee, is **as notified**.
6. Last Date of Submission of Project Proposal is **as notified**.

7. **Draft Project Work Proposal** should contain the following components:
- a. *Introduction:* The researcher is required to introduce the subject and the issue involved in brief.
  - b. *Statement of Problem:* The researcher is required to explain the debatable issue involved in a research topic. Such issues could be single or multiple. A Statement of Problem is basically a statement that illustrates a clear vision and the overall method that will be used to solve the problem at hand. Usually used when doing research, a problem statement discusses any foreseeable tangible or intangible problems that the researcher may face throughout the course of the Project Work .
  - c. *Research Questions:* A research question is an answerable inquiry into a specific concern or issue. It is the initial step in a Project Work . The 'initial step' means after you have an idea of what you want to study, the research question is the first active step in the Project Work .
  - d. *Hypothesis:* A research hypothesis is the statement created by researchers when they speculate upon the outcome of a research or experiment. It is an assumption with which the researcher begins its research and throughout the Project Work , the researcher should seek to prove or disprove the hypothesis.
  - e. *Research Methodology:* The method that the researcher adopts to conduct a research i.e. doctrinal or non-doctrinal or empirical. The researcher has to state along with the method the justification of using the method in a Project Work . Please note that the researcher can use a combination of both the methods as long as the researcher is able to justify the usage of the combined method.
  - f. *Research Plan / Tentative Chapterization:* The researcher is required to briefly state how the researcher intends to go about the research. The researcher is required to categorize the Project Work into broad chapter and provide a gist of contents that the researcher intends to include in each chapter.

7. **Format of the Final Project Work:** The format has been herewith attached as Annexure I. As per the format given the research paper should mandatorily contain the following components which will precede the content / chapters of the research paper / Project Work :
- a. Cover Page
  - b. Table of Contents / Index
  - c. Table of Cases
  - d. Table of Statutes

8. **Content of the Final Project Work:**

- e. Chapter I : Final Project Work Proposal (the proposal revised after the suggestions, if any.)
- f. Chapter II: Historical Background / Evolution of the issue behind the Project Work topic
- g. Chapter III: Nature and Scope of the Project Work Topic. The researcher is required to elaborately discuss the Project Work topic.
- h. Chapter IV: Critical Analysis of the Issue involved. The researcher is required to apply the existing laws to the issue behind the Project Work topic and identify the regulatory gaps.
- i. Chapter V: Impact of the regulatory gaps or grey areas so developed and examine the future prospects of the issue.
- j. Chapter VI: Conclusion and Suggestion: Conclusion should summarize your main arguments and please do not open any new arguments in the conclusion. Suggestion should be supported with feasible reasons and justifications

**Please note** that these chapters are a tentative outline in order to give the researcher an idea as to contents that a Project Work should necessarily have. Barring the first and the last chapter, the researcher is free to change the above mentioned chapterization depending upon the requirement of the research topic.

9. **Footnotes and Bibliography** format should be strictly adhered to. Footnotes should be placed at the end of the page. Bibliography should come at the end of the Project Works.
10. **Main Text:** Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12, Spacing: 1.5, Alignment: Justified.  
**Chapter Heading:** Times New Roman, Size: 12, Spacing 1.15, Alignment: Justified.
11. **Word Limit of Final Project Work:** 3,500 – 5,000 words
12. Please provide your own interpretation and analysis of the topics that have been allotted to you for your research Project Work.

13. **Check List for Researcher:** Before making the final submission the researcher must check whether their Project Work has achieved the following:
- Does the research work develop a new concept? Is it original?
  - Is the research methodology appropriate and sound? Is it a new methodology or an improvement over existing methodology?
  - Does it present a new solution/analysis to a significant problem?
  - Does it enhance understanding of existing situation / problem or generate new hypotheses or provide directions for future research?
  - Does it discuss practical implications and provide a framework to implement suggestions?
  - Is the presentation lucid and scholarly?
  - Is it a significant contribution?

14. Foreign Words should be italicized. Eg: *Sui generis, ipso facto, de facto.*

15. Direct Quotations should be used in double quotes (“ ”)

16. Please do not number paragraphs.

17. Please do not have additional decorative cover pages pictures or borders.

18. Please do not get emotional in the research papers / Project Work. Your arguments and opinions should be supported by reasons and justifications.

19. Last Date for Submission of Project Work is **as notified**.

**20. SUBMISSION BEYOND DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

21. All submissions shall be made online and send to [CADLPROJECTS@NALSAR.AC.IN](mailto:CADLPROJECTS@NALSAR.AC.IN) before the designated date and time.