

# INDIAN EQUALITY LAW VISITING FELLOWSHIPS 2020



Melbourne Law School

## Call for Applications

### THE OPPORTUNITY

The Indian Equality Law Visiting Fellowship is aimed at capacity-building for early career scholars. Applications are invited for two or three visiting fellows to spend one month at Melbourne Law School (MLS) preferably between mid-July and mid-August 2020.

### FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

During their time at MLS, each successful candidate will be expected to finalise a 10,000-word research paper on any aspect of Indian equality or anti-discrimination law, under the supervision of Professor Tarunabh Khaitan. They will also be required to submit this to the Indian Law Review upon completion, and commit to publishing it in that journal if accepted.

### FELLOWSHIP PROVISIONS AND BENEFITS

Funding for the fellowships is provided by the Letten Prize awarded to Associate Professor Tarunabh Khaitan in 2018. Successful candidates will be reimbursed for the cheapest available economy class return flight to Melbourne and accommodation costs. Basic living costs may also be subsidised for Fellows who can demonstrate financial need.

Fellows will be based at MLS and will benefit from a research-intensive environment. They will be expected to be involved in all activities of the Programme, and attend relevant seminars, workshops and reading groups during their time at MLS. This includes attending a workshop on public law, tentatively scheduled to be held between 20-23 July 2020.

### WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

The Indian Equality Law Visiting Fellowships are designed for advanced-stage doctoral students, early-career scholars, or law practitioners (with no more than 5 years of post-doctoral, university teaching, or litigation experience) with an interest in Indian equality / anti-discrimination law and/or comparative law. Candidates from under-represented backgrounds are especially encouraged to apply.

### HOW TO APPLY:

To apply for the program please submit the following:

- CV (no more than 2 pages)
- Cover Letter (optional—should be no more than 1 page)
- Contact details of two *academic* referees (including their institutional affiliations, email addresses and telephone numbers)
- Research proposal (up to 1,000 words) clearly outlining the research hypothesis, research questions and structure of arguments (focussed, clearly written, original and feasible proposals will be preferred)
- List of relevant bibliographical references (no more than 1 page)

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to develop the proposal into an early draft (of around 3,000-4,000 words) of the proposed paper, to be submitted by 20 March 2020. The final selection will be made on the basis of this draft. Shortlisted candidates may also be asked to undertake an interview via Skype.

**Please email your inquiries and applications** to Ms Kathryn Taylor  
<[k.taylor@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:k.taylor@unimelb.edu.au)>.

**Applications are due by 15 February 2020.** Further information about the Indian Equality Law Programme is available here:  
<https://law.unimelb.edu.au/centres/alc/research/research-programs/indian-equality-law-programme>

HERE IS WHAT SOME OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S VISITORS HAD TO SAY:

*'The program is very well structured and provides the fellows with ample opportunity to engage with the rich research culture at Melbourne Law. Just two weeks into the program and I was already attending reading groups and talks in my area of interest. The best part for me personally was to be able to share ideas and get feedback from Prof. Khaitan, the other fellows, and doctoral students. I returned with renewed vigour to take on my doctoral project and the paper that I was working on with new theoretical insights which have helped me grow as a researcher. I am immensely grateful for this opportunity'*

*'The IEL Fellowship was one of its kind. For me, the fact that the programme was open not only to Phd students or full time academics, but also early career lawyers is an immensely useful component. It was an exception to fellowships which usually exclude lawyers. I sincerely hope the IELF keeps us this tradition enabling more professionals to apply in the upcoming years. The model of the programme is promising, with opportunity to interact with the supervisor, with other fellows and take part in the events. The academic environment it offered was inspiring. I am sure that the IELF will make a significant contribution to constitutional scholarship.'*

*'Being part of Indian Equality Law Program has been a truly transformative experience for me. The entire combination of working on my project under the excellent guidance of Prof Tarunabh Khaitan and attending seminars, workshops and reading groups at Melbourne Law School exposed me to a very high quality academic environment. It also provided me with a unique opportunity to interact and learn from some of the best Professors at the Melbourne Law School who very generously gave me their time and provided me with comments on my work. I am very thankful to Prof. Jenny Morgan, Prof. Beth Gaze, Prof Anna Chapman and Prof Alysia Blackham for providing me with their valuable feedback on my work and also suggesting me several relevant literature useful for my work. The research scholars at MLS are very friendly and they always took the first initiative in breaking the ice and I truly cherish the time spent with so many of them. I am grateful to Ms. Dilara Ozer, Ms. Kathryn Taylor and Ms Debbie Yu for all their support and help. Every day was a learning experience. I finished the Fellowship feeling so enriched and inspired to contribute so much to my field of knowledge.'*