School of International Relations and Politics

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

Call for Applications: Research Assistants and Field Researchers

Applications are invited for the positions of Two (2) Research Assistants and Two (2) Field Investigators under the Indian component of the international research project: CRIMLIFE – Criminal Life-Course Trajectories Globally (2026–2030)

The proposed research forms part of the European Research Council (ERC)-funded international project CRIMLIFE – Criminal Life-Course Trajectories Globally (2026–2030), with Mahatma Gandhi University serving as the institutional beneficiary for the Indian component of the study.

The project is jointly led by:

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1. Research Assistants (2 Positions) **Duration: One year (12 months)** **Remuneration: ₹35,000 per month (each),** **Essential Qualifications** **Postgraduate degree in any Social Science discipline.** **Desirable Qualifications** **Strong familiarity with qualitative research.** **Experience in ethnographic research methods.** **Experience or training in psychological research analysis.** **Good academic writing and analytical skills**
2. Field Researchers (2 Positions) **Duration: Six months during the project year.** **Remuneration: ₹12,000 per month (each).** **Essential Qualifications** **Postgraduate degree in any Social Science discipline.** **Desirable Qualifications** **Experience in qualitative field research.** **Good report writing and documentation skills.** **Ability to undertake field-based data collection and maintain research records**

Application Process
Interested candidates should send their Curriculum Vitae (CV) by email to both of the following email addresses:

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Last date for receipt of applications: 4 August 2026
Only shortlisted candidates will be invited for an online interview. The date and time of the interview will be communicated individually to shortlisted applicants via email.
Note: The appointments are purely temporary and are co-terminus with the respective project requirements and no further claims could be made