

Call for Interns

The Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) is inviting applications for internships under [The Pendency Lab](#), a research initiative studying court efficiency in India. Interns will be housed at the [Shiv Nadar University - School of Law](#) in Chennai and supervised by [Shubho Roy](#), Assistant Professor.

Description

The internship will contribute to an ongoing knowledge-building exercise on judicial delay, with a focus on how institutional and policy interventions shape the efficiency of India's court system. Areas of work may include court management, government litigation, procedural design, and digitisation.

The work is explicitly interdisciplinary, drawing on law, economics, and public policy. It is best suited to candidates who are interested in engaging with the problem of delay as one of system design, institutional pressures, and governance.

Interns will be involved in:

- Policy research (qualitative and quantitative)
- Data collection and analysis
- Drafting and synthesis for research outputs

Who Should Apply

We are looking for candidates with strong research and writing skills, and an interest in governance and public policy, with a basic understanding of judicial systems.

Strong candidates will typically demonstrate:

- An interest in understanding how complex institutional systems function in practice
- The ability to analyse questions that do not have obvious answers
- Comfort working across qualitative and quantitative methods
- Clear and precise writing

This role is well-suited to candidates with a background in **economics**, particularly those at the master's level, though strong undergraduate applicants may also be considered.

Internship Details

- Duration: 2 months, extendable up to 3 months (June – August 2026)
- Mode: Preferably hybrid (Chennai-based at SNU School of Law); remote arrangements may be considered for exceptional candidates
- Stipend: ₹10,000 per month

Application Process

Please submit the following to pendencylab@csep.org:

- A resume
- A brief cover letter explaining your interest and relevant experience

Subject line: Application for Pendency Lab Internship

Deadline: Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until 1 June, 2026

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview. A short writing exercise may be part of the selection process.