

Commonwealth mentorship scheme was a wonderful, enriching and an extremely interesting project. Six months of continuous research, discussion with my mentor and regular evaluation, helped me in having a better foresight and understanding of issues.

It was a blessing to have a mentor from other side of the globe. Having varied cultures and a stark difference in economies and development rate in both the countries (my being India and my mentor's being Canada) added a new perspective in this project.

We set two goals for this scheme. Firstly, clarity over my career path to be chosen. Secondly, to research, analyse and write a research paper on Whistleblowers' human rights violation. Further an endeavor would be made to spread awareness on the same issue by sending this research to various stakeholders and conveying the message and research analysis to them.

With extensive discussions and research about avenues that can be adopted after doing law, I was able to affirm my belief that I would like to go in judiciary. I was also able to write an extensive research paper on Whistleblowers' human rights violation. It captured instances of human rights violation of Whistleblowers by attacking them, threat to their and their dear ones lives and property. This paper also captured various laws in India and compared with international best practices and legislation. At the end I gave my findings and solutions to curb this problem. Some organisations were contacted for discussing the same issue and an endeavor was made to spread awareness.

Ms. Lynn King Labreque was a very supportive, encouraging and an adaptive mentor. It was lovely to work and learn from her. Continuously making minutes of our discussions and analysing the growth rate every month was a great way of looking at our journey and the path for taking in future. Difference in thought process and different countries background wholistically made me a better human being and increased my compassion towards humans and their plight.

I value these six months alot as it was not only restricted to achieving these two goals but also was a learning process internally and enhanced my personality. I am grateful and thankful to Commonwealth Youth Council to give this opportunity to me from one of the developing countries, India.

Regards
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