



## **Masters Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP)**

Jointly offered by:

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO);  
The African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO);  
and Africa University (AU)

### **2017/2018 ADMISSIONS**

#### **THE PROGRAM**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the Masters in Intellectual Property (MIP) Program. The Degree is jointly offered by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and Africa University (AU), with financial support from the Government of Japan.

The duration is twelve months, from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018, structured in three parts, as follows:

- First Part (May 1 to July 21, 2017): WIPO Academy Distance Learning Courses, undertaken via the Internet;
- Second Part (August 1 to December 8, 2017): Residential phase requiring physical attendance at lectures undertaken at Africa University in Mutare (Zimbabwe) and practical training sessions at ARIPO in Harare.
- Third Part (December 11, 2017 to April 30, 2018): Dissertation Phase requiring research and writing on an approved topic.

The Program adopts a comparative approach, with particular emphasis on Africa. Lectures are given by leading academics, intellectual property practitioners, intellectual property officers and other experts drawn from across Africa.

The provisional curriculum of the Program is available on the following website: Africa University (<http://iplg.africau.edu/images/MIPCurriculumFinal.pdf>), the WIPO Academy ([www.wipo.int/academy](http://www.wipo.int/academy)) and ARIPO ([www.aripo.org](http://www.aripo.org)).

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

The MIP Programme is open to government officials, industry practitioners, senior students and young professionals from academic, research and development or other relevant background who wish to upgrade their knowledge and skills in Intellectual Property law and practice. To be eligible, candidates are required to hold a minimum of a Bachelor's degree (second lower class) from a recognized university in any discipline and have a minimum of two years work experience. Proof of English proficiency is required, therefore, students coming from countries where the official language is not English will need to submit evidence of proficiency in an appropriate internationally approved English examination e.g IELTS, TOEFL

## **AWARD**

Upon satisfactory completion of the program, participants will be awarded a Masters Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP) by Africa University on behalf of WIPO and ARIPO.

## **FEES AND COSTS**

For tuition, registration and accommodation fees please follow [link](#) (subject to annual review). Cost of meals and upkeep is estimated at US\$350.00 per month per person.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

With a view to contributing to the development of human resources in the field of Intellectual Property in Africa, WIPO, ARIPO and the Government of Japan will provide

approximately 30 scholarships to qualified candidates from Africa. The scholarship shall cover the cost of a return air ticket, board and lodge at Africa University and ARIPO, tuition fees, registration fees and medical insurance.

To apply for scholarships online follow the following link

[https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=aipCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=MIP\\_AFRICA#plus\\_MIP\\_AFRICA](https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=aipCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=MIP_AFRICA#plus_MIP_AFRICA)

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Interested candidates fulfilling the above mentioned requirements are invited to send their written applications to the following address:

**Assistant Registrar-Academic Affairs  
Africa University  
Fairview Road, Off Nyanga Road  
Old Mutare,  
P.O. Box 1320  
Mutare  
Zimbabwe**  
or

Email scanned copies to [academic@africau.edu](mailto:academic@africau.edu) and [studentrecruitment@africau.edu](mailto:studentrecruitment@africau.edu) and [applications@africau.edu](mailto:applications@africau.edu)

Application forms shall be accompanied by detailed curriculum vitae, **CERTIFIED** copies of university degree certificates/diplomas and transcripts and at least two letters of reference. These documents are to be received by Africa University no later than **[March 5, 2017](#)**. Applicants wishing to be considered for the various scholarships should specifically indicate so in their application, and ensure that they apply online at the WIPO website.

Detailed information concerning the MIP Program is provided on the websites of Africa University (<http://iplg.africau.edu/index.php/masters-in-interlectual-property>), the WIPO Academy ([www.wipo.int/academy](http://www.wipo.int/academy)) and ARIPO ([www.aripo.org](http://www.aripo.org)).