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Master in INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

(MIP) 2024 INTAKE

Jointly offered by:

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

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STRUCTURE OF THE MIP

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for admission into the Master in Intellectual Property (MIP) Programme. The MIP Programme is jointly offered by Africa University (AU); the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Academy and the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) with financial support from the Government of Japan. The Programme 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 Programme is available on the following website:

Africa University: <https://africau.edu/programmes/MastersinIntellectualproperty.html>

The duration of the programme is twelve months.

Part I: Distance Learning Phase

Students take three WIPO Distance Learning (DL) courses offered online from May to July. At the end of the DL courses, students write examinations.

Online classes facilitated by the WIPO Academy are scheduled from 1 May 2024 to 20 July 2024;

Part II: Residential Learning Phase

During the Residential Learning Phase, students take residential courses at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe. The residential phase starts in August 2024 and ends in December 2024. During this phase, students attend face-to-face lectures with professors/lecturers and IP experts. Class teaching is complemented by case studies, tutorials, research work, dissertation proposal writing and defence, and study visits. Students also take examinations on every module that is covered.

During the last two weeks of the Residential Learning Phase, students go through practical training and participate in an IP Conference at ARIPO in Harare, Zimbabwe.

The residential learning phase for the 2024 Intake is expected to start on the 1st of August 2024 and ends on the 6th of December 2024.

Part III: Dissertation Writing Phase

Students work on their dissertations on selected and approved topics between January 2025 and April 2025. Every student works intensively under the guidance of two supervisors who are allocated during the Residential Learning Phase. The Dissertation Writing phase is expected to start on the 7th of December 2024 and ends on the 30th of April 2025.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a Second Class Lower division or better from a recognized academic institution;
2. At least two years of post-qualification experience;
3. 5 'O' Level passes at Grade 'C' or better or equivalent including English Language;
4. A copy of a detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV);
5. At least two reference letters;
6. An autobiographical statement of not more than 1500 words giving a description of your activities and experience, relating them to your career objectives. You are required to indicate the importance of the MIP to your career goals.

AWARD

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

FEES AND COSTS

For tuition, registration, and accommodation fees, please follow the link below:

<http://africau.edu/tuition.html>. Cost of meals and upkeep is estimated at US\$350.00 per month per person.

NB: AU tuition, registration, and accommodation fees are subject to review.

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 provides approximately 30 scholarships to qualified candidates from Africa to study in the area of Intellectual Property. The scholarship covers the cost of an economy class return air ticket, board and lodge at Africa University and ARIPO, tuition and registration fees, and medical insurance.

To apply for scholarships online, please use the following link:

https://welc.wipo.int/acc/index.jsf?page=aipCatalog.xhtml&lang=en&cc=MIP_AFRICA#plus_MIP_AFRICA

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested candidates meeting the programme admission requirements are invited to submit their applications through our online application portal indicated below

link: <http://www.africau.edu/applyonline.html>.

The closing date for accepting applications is February 29, 2024. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

For more information please visit the following websites:

1. Africa University (<http://africau.edu/programmes/MastersinIntellectualproperty.html>),
2. WIPO Academy (www.wipo.int/academy) and,
3. ARIPO (www.aripo.org).

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