

KWAME NKURUMAH UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (KNUST), KUMASI, GHANA

ADMISSION TO THE MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (MIP) PROGRAMME, 2026/2027 COHORT

The International Programmes Office advertises for the School of Graduate Studies vacancies available in the MPhil Degree in Intellectual Property Programme offered by the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in collaboration with the African Regional Intellectual Property Organisation (ARIPO) and Intellectual Property Office Ghana.

Duration

The duration is Two (2) years, from January, 2026 to October, 2027 including holidays, structured in two parts, as follows:

First Year (January 2026 to October 2026): Residential phase requiring physical attendance at lectures undertaken at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana.

Second Year (January 2027 to October 2027): Dissertation phase requiring research and writing on an approved research topic.

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

Entry Requirements

Eligible candidates are required to hold a minimum of bachelor's degree (at least Second-Class Upper) from a recognised University in any Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Social Science disciplines and have a minimum of two years' work experience. Proof of English proficiency is required from students whose countries' official language is not English. Applicants need to submit evidence of proficiency in an appropriate internationally approved English examination. e.g. IELTS and TOFEL.

Upon satisfactory completion of the programme, participants will be awarded a Master of Philosophy (MPhil) Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP) by KNUST on behalf of ARIPO.

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Fee Schedule:

The cost required for the duration of the MIP programme for foreign and local students are provided at (www.knust.edu.gh).

Scholarships

With a view to contributing to the development of human resources in the field of Intellectual Property in Africa, ARIPO will provide a limited number of scholarships to brilliant but needy students enrolling in the 2025/2026 Academic Year. The scholarship shall cover the cost of a return air ticket, board and lodge at KNUST, tuition and registration fees, and medical insurance.

Application Procedure

Interested **Ghanaian candidates** with the requisite qualifications (Entry requirements) are invited to submit their applications online on the website of the University, www.knust.edu.gh

International students should download the application form, fill and follow the instructions below.

Application Supporting Documents/Additional Information

Completed application form; Detailed CV; Two letters of reference (at least one academic referee) ; Proof of English proficiency ; Scanned copies of official Bachelor's degree certificate ; Official transcripts for Bachelor's degree ; Scanned copy of recent pass-port-sized photographs ; Evidence of current and previous employments (if applicable); Letter of motivation (max. one page)

You may also add other relevant information and/or experience you feel is necessary to support your application. Send all application documents as single pdf document to mip.knust@gmail.com and copy agricengines@gmail.com. The pdf document should be named with your surname and country (e.g., Mensah_Ghana)

The deadline for the submission of applications is Friday, 31st October, 2025