

2026 Intake MIP

MASTER IN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY



Jointly offered by

Africa University (AU);
the World Intellectual Property
Organization (WIPO),
the African Regional Intellectual
Property Organization (ARIPO)
and the Government of Japan.

STRUCTURE OF THE MIP PROGRAMME

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 blended teaching and 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, Europe and beyond.

The provisional curriculum of the Programme is available on the following website: Africa University (<http://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 2026. At the end of the DL courses, examinations are written.

Online classes facilitated by the WIPO Academy are scheduled from 1 May 2026 to 29 July 2026;

Part II: Residential Learning Phase

The residential learning phase for the 2026 intake is expected to start on 1 August 2026 and expected to end on 6 December 2026.

During this phase, students take residential courses at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe. During the residential phase, students attend face to face lectures with professors/lecturers and IP experts. Class teaching is complemented by case studies, tutorials, research work, field trips, dissertation proposal writing and defence. Students also take examinations on every module that is covered. A total of 6 examinable modules are taken during this phase of study.

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

Part III: Dissertation Writing Phase

Students work on their dissertations on selected and approved topics between January and April 2027. Every student works intensively under the guidance of two supervisors who are allocated during the Residential Learning Phase.

Dissertation writing phase starts during the residential phase with proposal writing and defence. Fieldwork and related process are expected to start in December 2026 and end on 30 April 2027.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The requirements for admission in the programme are as follows:

1. A minimum of a Bachelor's degree in a Second Class Lower division or better from a recognised 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. Applicants are required to indicate the importance of the MIP to their career goals.

Degree Award

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

Fees and Costs

For tuition, accommodation, registration and other costs please refer to the university website on <http://africau.edu/tuition/html>. Subsistence and upkeep costs are estimated at \$350 per month per candidate. It is the university policy that accommodation and subsistence fees are paid in advance for all students in university residence. It must be noted that the fees and other charges are subject to change.

Scholarships

With a view to contribute to more human resources with intellectual property expertise in the African continent, WIPO, ARIPO and the Government of Japan offer scholarships to qualified candidates. The scholarship cover an economy class return ticket, board and lodging at Africa University and ARIPO, tuition, registration and medical insurance.

To apply for scholarships on line please use the link below:

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

Application Procedure

Interested qualifying candidates are invited to submit their applications through Africa University online portal indicated below:

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

The closing date for accepting applications is 28 February 2026. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered at all.

For more information, please visit the following websites:

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

Contact us on:

Africa University
No.1 Fairview Road, Off Nyanga Road
P.O. Box 1320
Mutare
Zimbabwe
Tel: +2638688002151
Cell : +263712609487
Email : studentrecruitment@africau.edu / applications@africau.edu
Website : www.africau.edu

The Executive Director
WIPO Academy
World Intellectual Property
34, Chemin des Colombettes
CH-7277 Geneva 20,
Switzerland
Tel: (+47) 22-338-9777
Email: mip.africau@wipo.int
Website: www.wipo.int/academy

The Director General
African Regional Intellectual Property Organization
11 Natal Road Belgravia
P.O. Box 4228
Harare Zimbabwe
Tel: +263-242-794065/66/68/74
+263-242-794 072-3
E-mail: mail@aripo.org
Website: www.aripo.org

