



KNUST
KWAME NKRUMAH UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana

Admission of Candidates to MPhil in Intellectual Property (MIP) 2026/2027

Call for Application – Cohort 9

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 October 2026 to May 2028 including holidays, structured in two parts, as follows:

1. First Year (October 2026 to June 2027): Residential phase requiring physical attendance at lectures undertaken at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana.
2. Second Year (September 2027 to May 2028): 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.

The curriculum for the Programme is available on the KNUST website: www.knust.edu.gh.

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.

They 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.

Fee Schedule

The cost required for the duration of the MIP programme for foreign and local students is 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 2026/2027 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 (HERE!), 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 the official Bachelor's degree certificate
- Official transcripts for Bachelor's degree
- Scanned copy of recent passport-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 **Monday, 31st August, 2026**.