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

**Duration**
The duration is Twenty-four months, from August 2019 to July 2021 (including holidays), structured in two parts, as follows:

- **First Year (August 2019 to July 2020):** Residential phase requiring physical attendance at lectures undertaken at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana.
- **Second Year (August 2020 to July 2021):** Dissertation Phase requiring research and writing on an approved research topic.

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 curriculum of the Programme is available on the following websites: KNUST (www.knust.edu.gh & www.mip.knust.edu.gh) and ARIPO (www.aripo.org).

**Entry Requirements**
Eligible candidates are required to hold a minimum of a Bachelor’s degree (second class lower) from a recognized 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 Language 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, TOEFL AWARD.

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

**Fee Schedule**
The cost and funds required for the duration of the MIP programme for foreign and local students are provided at the KNUST website, 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 limited number of scholarships to brilliant but needy students enrolling in the 2019/2020 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 candidates with the requisite qualifications (see Entry requirements) are invited to submit their applications online on the website of the University, www.knust.edu.gh. **International students should** start their applications by going to: https://apps.knust.edu.gh/admissions/, click on Generate Logins and follow the instructions.

**Deadline for submission of applications is 31 July 2019.**