

Masters Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP)

jointly offered by the WIPO Worldwide Academy,
African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and
Africa University(AU)

2009 Admissions

WIPO Worldwide Academy, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and Africa University have jointly established a Masters Degree in Intellectual Property (MIP) Program and is offered at Africa University, Mutare, Zimbabwe.

The **Second** edition of the Masters Degree in Intellectual Property(MIP) will be launched on **May 4, 2009**. The Program shall be offered for a duration of twelve (12) month, from **May 4, 2009 to April 30, 2010**: which is structured in three (3) Parts as follows:

- **First Part:** Instruction via distance learning from **May 4, 2009 to July 31, 2009** in which students take a selected number of courses on IP topics via distance learning;
- **Second Part:** Will take place at Africa University in Mutare (Zimbabwe) from **August 12 to November 27, 2009**. It includes a 10- day practical training at ARIPO Headquarters in Harare from **November 16 to 27, 2009**;
- **Third Part:** Research and dissertation writing on a selected and approved topic from **December 1, 2009 to April 30, 2010**.

The MIP Program is designed for young professionals who wish to acquire the skills required to play a leading role in the field of IP capacity building through exposure to an international and comparative approaches. The young professional to be accepted to the program should primarily be from academic or R&D institutions, who upon graduation will be expected to return to their respective institutions to serve as training of trainers.

The curriculum aims to provide an in-depth knowledge in all fields of intellectual property and is taught by leading academicians, legal practitioners, intellectual property officers and IP experts drawn from various universities and IP offices in Africa.

Upon satisfactory completion of the Course, students will be awarded a "Masters Degree in Intellectual Property" by the Africa University on behalf of WIPO and ARIPO.

With a view to contributing to the development of human resources in the field of IP in developing countries, **20** fellowships will be offered to highly motivated persons from Africa to participate in this Program. **In addition, up to 10 places shall be reserved for self-sponsored students.**

Each scholarship covers air ticket, boarding and lodging at Africa University and ARIPO and registration fees. Persons to be awarded the scholarships should primarily be teachers of intellectual property or those aspiring to teach IP in a university or other institutions of higher learning or Research and Development (R&D) institution (although some exceptions may be made of deserving candidates from relevant Government institutions).

Applicants who wish to benefit from the WIPO fellowship must be under **40 years** of age to qualify, (**not applicable to self-sponsored students**) and must hold a minimum of a Bachelors (**lower class**) degree from a recognized university in any discipline. Proof of English proficiency is required.

Any person fulfilling the above mentioned requirements and wishing to apply for acceptance to the Program is invited to send **his/her** application to the :

Assistant Registrar-Academic Affairs
Africa University
P.O. Box 1320
Mutare
Zimbabwe
or online through the Africa University link below.

A duly completed **application form**, a detailed **curriculum vitae**, **certified copies of university degree certificates/diploma and transcripts**, **at least two letters of reference** and any other appropriate supporting documents, should be **sent** to Africa University not later than **February 27, 2009.**

Upon receipt of the above referred to documents, suitable candidates will be selected for admission into the Program. Applicants wishing to be considered for a WIPO fellowship award should make specific **indication** in their applications.

Detailed information concerning the MIP Program is provided on the websites of AU, WIPO and ARIPO as follows:

www.africau.edu/iplg/mip, www.wipo.int or <http://www.wipo.int/academy/en> and www.aripo.org.