

University Partnerships



The Academic Institutions Program provides access to higher education in intellectual property (IP), especially to participants from developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and countries in transition.

The Program offers Joint Master's Degree Programs with partner universities and institutions around the world. In addition, it supports universities and teaching institutions through curricula development, provision of IP textbooks and reference materials, and with guest lecturers for IP higher education courses.

The Academy's Joint Master's Degrees are its flagship higher education programs. The curricula and syllabi are jointly developed by the WIPO Academy and the respective partner institutions. The Joint Master's Degree Programs are taught by skilled and experienced faculty members, academic experts and WIPO staff.

Topics covered

The topics covered vary from program to program; full details are provided in the respective course brochures and curricula.

Learning outcomes

- High level of IP knowledge
- Understanding of the nexus of policy issues interacting with IP law
- Knowledge of IP from both a legal practitioner and user's perspective
- Application of concepts relating to innovation, creativity and the role of IP
- Ability to conduct independent research in the area of IP
- Capacity to provide informed advice and contributions to policy making processes relating to IP
- Practical IP experience

Participant profile

- Graduate students
- Young professionals
- Researchers
- Government officials dealing with IP

Application procedure

If you are interested in a Joint Master's Degree Program, details on the application process of each program including registration dates and entry requirements are available online at welc.wipo.int.

Fees vary according to the requirements of each program and the partner universities. A limited number of scholarships are available to qualified nationals working in relevant public sector institutions and universities of developing countries, LDCs and countries in transition.

Applications from candidates for scholarships must be supported by letters of recommendation from their respective governments and academic institutions.

Interested candidates from developed countries are also welcome to apply and, if admitted, must finance their tuition, accommodation and travel costs.

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