

Annex 1: General Introduction to the Master Program in IP Law (2020)

1. Basic Information

- **Level of Education and field of study:** Postgraduate, master's degree in intellectual property law;
- **Universities:** Zhongnan University of Economics and Law/Tongji University;
- **Duration:** The program will be 2 years. One year of academic study in China, and in the second year the candidate will return to his/her respective country and complete the thesis and oral defense (via videoconference) while practicing what learnt from the program in their daily work;
***Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the first year of the 2021/2022 program in China may be converted to distance learning in the applicants' home country, and at this time, scholarships in China will be cancelled. However, whether the applicants can come to China for study will depend on the development of the epidemic situation. Therefore, the applicants are requested to carefully consider the said situation.**
- **Degree Granting Conditions:** If the candidate completes the requirements of the academic study and qualifies through oral defense of the dissertation as scheduled, he/she will graduate and be granted the master's degree;
- **Language:** English.

2. Coverage of Scholarship

The candidate will receive the Chinese Government Scholarship, which will cover:

- (1) Tuition
- (2) Dormitory in China
- (3) Monthly subsistence allowance in China: RMB 3000/month
- (4) General medical insurance in China

*** Please note that International flight tickets and other expenses are NOT included.**

3. Requirements for Applicants

- (1) Government official employed or IP expert recommended by the invited national intellectual property office/authority;
- (2) Healthy and under 40 years old as at the deadline of the application;
- (3) More than 2 years of work experience in the field of intellectual property and will continue to work in the IP field after obtaining the degree;
- (4) Having received a 4-year undergraduate/bachelor's degree or higher;
- (5) English proficiency: for applicants from countries where English is not a native language, he/she must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:
 - a. Valid TOEFL or IELTS results

Test	Scores
TOEFL-pbt	550 or higher
TOEFL-ibt	80 or higher

IELTS	6 or higher
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- b. Bachelor's degree in English language/literature or higher;
- c. Studied in a country where English is a native language for at least one academic year (8-12 months) or worked in such a country for at least one calendar year (12 months) in the last 5 years.

4. Application Materials

- (1) *Application Form for Master Program on Intellectual Property Law* in which the recommending IP office/authority must provide nomination comments and affix their stamp (2 copies);
- (2) *Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship* (2 copies);
- (3) 2 Recommendation letter (one of which should be from the senior management of the organization in which the applicant works; in Chinese or English; signature and contact information are necessary);
- (4) Materials attached:

- **A photocopy of Original or notarized academic transcripts.**

Note: If the transcript is not in Chinese or English, the original notarized translated versions must be submitted. ONLY the notarizations by local Chinese Embassy or Consulate (or foreign embassies or consulates in China) are accepted.

- **A photocopy of the bachelor/master degree certificate and diploma.**

Note: If the diploma is not in Chinese or English, the original notarized translated versions must be submitted. ONLY the notarizations by local Chinese Embassy or Consulate (or foreign embassies or consulates in China) are accepted.

- **Physical Examination Record for Foreigner** (see annex 4) completed in English or Chinese. Applicants are required to complete all the items on the Physical Examination Record for Foreigner. Any physical examination record with missing items or without a doctor's signature **and** the hospital's stamp is deemed INVALID.

- **Statement of purpose** in English, around 1000 words for master candidates.

- **Articles or papers published.**

- **Proof of English proficiency** (for non-native English speakers' proof of English language with IELTS 6, TOEFL 80 or equivalent proof of English proficiency).

Note: From April to May 2021, the English Interview via the conference call will be performed to the candidates who pass the pre-check of the application documents.

- **A Photocopy of the applicant's valid passport** (pages with photo).

All the materials will not be returned regardless of whether the applicant is admitted.

5. Application and Admission Procedures

- (1) The applicants are required to complete the *Application Form for Master Program on Intellectual Property Law* and *Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship* as indicated above in item 4(1) and 4(2);
- (2) The applicants are required to file both forms and the attachments thereof to the national intellectual property office/authority in their respective countries;
- (3) Said national intellectual property office/authority is then requested to give its nomination comments and send the list of 3-4 nominated applicants and their application materials to CNIPA via courier **NO LATER THAN 15 April 2021**;
 - * Please send hard copies and electronic copies of the materials to the following contact person and address: (Address: No. 6 Xitucheng Lu, Haidian District, Beijing 100088, People's Republic of China, Attn: Mr. Wangjianjian, Tel: +86 10 6208 3289, Email: wangjianjian@cnipa.gov.cn).
- (4) Upon receipt of the materials from the applicants' organizations, China National Intellectual Property Administration, the collaborative universities and the China Scholarship Council (CSC, an affiliate of the Ministry of Education which is responsible for Government Scholarship Programs) will set up a special panel to select candidates for the program from the applicants based on such materials and determine the university where the candidate is admitted. The candidate will receive Chinese Government Scholarship when he/she is admitted.
- (5) The CSC will issue the *Letter of Admission*, which will be sent, along with the *Visa Application for Study in China* (Form JW201) directly to the candidates by his/her admitting university.
 - * Please note that the admitted applicants are not allowed to change the university, the field nor duration of study as indicated in the *Letter of Admission*.

6. Program Management

- (1) The candidates are expected to register with the collaborative university within the period as indicated in the *Letter of Admission*.
- (2) The collaborative university will take charge of curricular and extracurricular management. Information in relation to the performance of the candidates will be reported to CNIPA by the universities on a regular basis.
- (3) The candidates will be subject to an evaluation by the CSC after the first year's study, the result of which will be reported to CNIPA. It is mandatory for the candidates to pass the evaluation in order to continue the program in the second year. After returning to their respective countries in the second year of the program, the candidates are expected to complete their theses at their working posts. The theses should be submitted to the collaborative universities upon completion within the relevant time limit. Where the university believes that a candidate's thesis complies with the relevant requirements, an oral defense (via teleconference) will be arranged. The university will then send the diploma and certificate for the master's degree to the candidates who pass the oral defense.

7. General Provisions

The requirements, terms and conditions of the *Master's Program on IP Law* are subject to amendments and revisions from time to time.