

Annex 1: General Introduction to the Belt and Road Master Program on Intellectual Property (BRIPC Master Program)

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 **BRIPC Master Program** is a two-year program. As designed, the program includes one year of academic study in China and one year in the candidate's country for completing the thesis and oral defense (via videoconference) while working. The admitted applicants will receive the CSC scholarship of the year in China, which will cover the tuition, accommodation, monthly subsistence allowance, general medical insurance for the candidates. **Please note that international flight tickets are not covered by the scholarship.**
- **Degree Granting Conditions:** To obtain the master degree, the candidates must complete the general requirements and degree-specific requirements of their respective universities and qualify through oral defense of the thesis as scheduled.
- **Language of the Program:** English.

2. Coverage of Scholarship*

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

- (1) Tuition
- (2) Dormitory of the university
- (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 officials/experts employed by an invited national intellectual property office/authority or any IP-related authority in that country, or IP practitioners in that country;
- (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

- 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) *Application Form for Chinese Government Scholarship*;
- (3) 2 Recommendation letters (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 required);
- (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.

- **Non-criminal record report.** The applicant shall submit a valid certificate of Non-Criminal Record issued by the local public security authority, usually issued within 6 months prior to the submission date of the application;
 - **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).
 - **A Photocopy of the applicant's valid passport** (personal information page with photo).
- (5) Other supporting materials as may be required by the university or the China Scholarship Council.

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 nominated applicants and their application materials to CNIPA via email **NO LATER THAN 30 April 2024;**

* Please send electronic copies of the materials to the following contact person and email address: (Attn: Mr. Zhang Keyi, Tel: +86 10 6208 6014, Mob: +86 136 0108 5628, Email: bripcmp@163.com);

- (4) Upon receipt of the materials from the applicants' organizations,

CNIPA will select candidates for the program from the applicants based on the 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.
- (6) Admission documents will be sent to the permanent address written on the application form. Please ensure that the contact information is valid and accurate. The mailing address with P.O. Box is **NOT** accepted;
- (7) Please bring the originals of all the above-mentioned documents when you register. Those who provide a prospective diploma certificate **MUST** bring the original official graduation certificate for verification;

* 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 are expected to comply with all the rules and procedures of the CSC and the university during their study in China.

7. Amendments

The requirements, terms and conditions of the **BRIPC Master Program** are subject to amendments and revisions from time to time.