



MAHARASHTRA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY NAGPUR

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September 18, 2025

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

DPIIT IPR- Chair Professor (Full time -Consolidated pay) (Category – Open to all - 01) 1 Post (From October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2030)

Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur is seeking to engage one full-time **Chair Professor** under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Chair on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR Chair) on full time basis. The position is for a period of 5 years i.e. from October 1 2025 to March 2030.

About the IPR Chair:

The Chair on IPR is instituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India with the aim of producing high-quality research, strengthening pedagogy, engaging in public policy dialogue and attracting world class researchers and academicians to the University in the field of intellectual property rights. The Chair on IPR was instituted by the DPIIT at MNLU, Nagpur in the year 2020. The overall objectives of the IPR Chair are laid down in the Amended Scheme for Pedagogy and Research in IPRs for Holistic Education and Academia (SPRIHA).

➤ Essential Criteria:

An individual would be eligible to be appointed as an IPR Chair if he/she:

- i. has served as, or meets the eligibility criteria for serving as, a Professor or an Associate Professor as prescribed by the UGC; and possesses sufficient teaching and research experience in Intellectual Property Rights, or **Ph.D. in Intellectual Property Rights**, or
- ii. is an IP attorney who has practiced IPR law for a minimum of **10 years**, or any other professional who has gained significant recognition in the field of IPR with no less than 10 years of experience in the said field, or
- iii. is a retired official of the IP office under CGPD TM, holding a doctorate degree (Ph.D. Degree), with a minimum of **5 years** of experience working at Level 12 or above, such as Controller of Patent & Design, Registrar of Trademark & Geographical Indications, or Registrar of Copyrights.

➤ Desirable Criteria:

- i. Experience in teaching/research in premier law universities/colleges in relevant area;
- ii. Excellent inter-personal and team-building skills;
- iii. Ability to innovate and to improve research, training and extension activities or services and to pursue interesting new ideas and new methods in the field of IPR.



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➤ Age and Tenure

- i. Any applicant above the age of **70 years** shall not be eligible for the appointment as IPR chair.
- ii. The appointment of the IPR Chair shall be on a full-time basis.
- iii. An individual may serve as an IPR Chair for a term of up to five (5) years ending on March 31, 2030 from the date of appointment.

***Note:** In case of retired applicants, the term of appointment shall be for a period of five (5) years or until the individual attains the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier, and shall be subject to the approval and extension of the DPIIT-IPR Chair at the University.*

➤ Roles and Responsibilities:

- Initiate, design, implement, and monitor research activities exclusively in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) law and policy, in collaboration with national and international stakeholders including law firms, corporate entities, government departments, public sector undertakings, funding agencies, and academic bodies, in accordance with the amended norms of the SPRIHA Scheme.
- Plan and conduct capacity-building and outreach initiatives, such as workshops, seminars, symposia, roundtable conferences, and training programs on IPR-related subjects.
- Provide expert inputs and recommendations to the legislature, executive, and judiciary on emerging trends, issues, and developments in IPR law and policy, both proactively and upon request.
- Support and assist in the IPR-related academic, research, and policy activities of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur (MNLU Nagpur).
- Contribute actively to the goal of positioning MNLU Nagpur as a national and international centre of excellence in IPR education, research, and policy development.
- Submit comprehensive reports to DPIIT and MNLU Nagpur on an annual and periodic basis, outlining the Chair's programs and activities, deliverables achieved, key outcomes, and performance indicators.
- Undertake survey-based studies, policy research, and analytical projects and academic activities mentioned in clause 8 to be followed as mandated under the SPRIHA Scheme and as may be specifically assigned by DPIIT or the University.



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➤ **Emoluments**

- Consolidated Rs. 1.5 Lakh per month.

Note: (An annual increment of 3% of the current remuneration shall be granted to the IPR chair upon the completion of each 12-months period, commencing from the date of appointment of the IPR Chair).

Note: The Appointment shall stand from October 1, 2025 which will extend till March 31, 2030 (*appointment will be subject to confirmation of DPIIT and continue till the extension granted by Ministry of Industry and Commerce.*)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **The last date for submission of online application is September 28, 2025 before 11:59 PM.**
2. **Applicants must apply on prescribed format available on website (<http://www.nlunagpur.ac.in>).** Applications received in any other format other than the prescribed form will be rejected. Filled in Application form (Hard Copy) with attested copies of all relevant documents should be sent to the **Registrar, Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur, Waranga, PO: Dongargaon (Butibori), Nagpur – 441108 [Maharashtra]**. Please download the form and fill it carefully and correctly. An application with incomplete documentation or incorrect information is liable to be summarily rejected.
3. Applications received after the last date shall not be considered.
4. E-mail addresses of the candidates (if any) must be mentioned in the proper place of the Application Form.
5. The Applicants are required to send an advance scanned copy of Filled-in Application to registrar@nlunagpur.ac.in and bring hard copies with original documents on the date of interview.
6. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. The University reserves the right to place reasonable limit on the total number of candidates to be called for interview. Fulfilment of essential qualifications per se does not entitle a candidate to be called for



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interview. Those who are possessing higher qualifications shall be given preference in short-listing the candidates.

7. The University reserves the right to withdraw any advertised post at any time without assigning any reason. The right is also reserved with the University either to fill or not to fill any position and its decision in this regard shall be final.
8. The University reserves the right to modify / cancel / withdraw any communication made to the candidates(s), even after appointment, if this has been the result of some inadvertent mistake either in the advertisement or the recruitment process which may have been detected at a different stage.
 - i. The University reserves the right to disqualify any candidate who may have been shortlisted based on wrong information provided by the candidate. Persons who may be selected / appointed based on wrong information supplied by the candidate may be terminated at any stage.
 - ii. The University reserves the right to disqualify any candidate who attempts to lobby or canvass to influence the selection process.
 - iii. Candidates who are currently employed must submit a '**No objection certificate**' from their current employer along with their application, without which their application will not be considered further. The applicants from reserved categories must submit an attested copy of the relevant certificates signed by the appropriate authority along with their application form.
9. The University will not be responsible for either any non-receipt of application sent by a candidate or any delay in receiving the application sent by a candidate, on any account.
10. Applicants serving in Government / Semi-Government organizations / Public Sector Undertakings / Autonomous Bodies must send their applications **Through Proper Channel**. The applications received without the recommendations of the employer (s) will not be considered. However, an advance soft copy of application may be sent followed by the original application through proper channel.
11. Candidates shall have to produce original documents at the time of appearing in Interview.



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12. **Incomplete applications** or without relevant supporting enclosures (self-attested copies of degree / certificates / marks sheets / experience certificate, etc.) will be **rejected at the threshold**.
13. Application fee of **Rs. 1500/-** shall be paid through the Bank link <https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/> under the category of Educational Institutions to MNLU, Nagpur (Registration Fee For IPR Chair Events). The online receipt of fees paid through SBI Collect shall be enclosed with the application form.
14. The decision of the University authorities during the different stages of the selection process will be final and binding.
15. Selected candidates will be governed by the Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur Rules and Regulations.
16. Canvassing in any form on behalf of any candidate will disqualify such a candidate.
17. The University reserves the right to fill all the positions advertised or fill only some of the positions or not to fill any of the positions.
18. The University will make all correspondence only through email.
19. In case of any dispute / suit or legal proceeding against the University, the jurisdiction shall be restricted to the Courts in Nagpur, which is the Headquarters of the University.

Address to send the Soft Copy of the Filled-in Application (online) at
registrar@nlunagpur.ac.in

**Registrar,
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Waranga, PO: Dongargaon
(Butibori), Nagpur – 441 108
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