

Notification for Ph.D Scholarships

The IUCIPRS at CUSAT announces 10 scholarships for Ph.D scholars in different areas of knowledge. Candidates satisfying the eligibility criteria may apply in the prescribed form. The details are as follows:

- a. **Eligibility:** Applicants eligible for Ph.D registration in CUSAT or a student already registered for Ph.D in CUSAT in IPR related areas and not enjoyed or enjoying any fellowship. The post-graduate degree could be in Law, Economic, Political Science, History, Science and Technology etc. Full time researchers alone are eligible for award of scholarship.
- b. **Duration of scholarship:** **Two** years which may be extendable up to **Four** years
- c. **Scholarship details:** Rs.12,000/month and Rs.20,000/year contingency grant.
- d. **Areas of research:** The research area must be related to IPR issues. Some of the areas identified are (a) Access to medicine and patent law; (b) Limitations and exceptions on intellectual property laws; (c) Protection of geographical indications; (d) Protection of Genetic Resources; (e) Protection of Traditional and Indigenous/Tribal knowledge; Protection of Ayurvedic practices in Kerala; (f) TRIPS obligations – Federal questions in India; (g) Farmers' Protection; (h) Patenting of biotechnology; (i) Protection of Plant Varieties; (j) Information technology and law; and (k) Access to information / knowledge and IPR
- e. **Details of application and research proposal:** Application must be in the prescribed form with detailed research proposal. The research proposal shall be in any one of the areas identified above. The proposal shall contain the following: (1) Title of the work; (2) Introduction describing the background of the problems, reasons for identifying the areas and its relation to IPR issues, review of literature; (3) Justification for the study; (4) Research area; (5) Research questions; (6) Hypothesis; (7) Research methodology; (8) Tentative chapter break up; (9) Work schedule indicating details of the time required to complete the work and (10) List of relevant materials including books, articles, laws, reports etc.
- f. **Procedure for selection:** The selection for scholarship is based on the procedure followed for selection of students for Ph.D programme in CUSAT. There shall be a written test and interview. The applicants who are exempted from written test as per the Ph.D regulation and those already registered for Ph.D in CUSAT are exempted from written test. All the students are expected to make a presentation on the research proposal and justify the research problem during the interview. Quality of research proposal shall be an important criterion for selection. No TA/DA shall be paid for attending the written test or interview.

- g. **Registration for Ph.D:** Students selected for scholarship who are not registered for Ph.D in CUSAT shall register for full time Ph.D programme under the Ph.D Regulations of CUSAT.
- h. **Last date of application:** **Two months** from the date of notification
- i. **Address for sending application:** The Director, Inter University Centre for IPR Studies, School of Legal Studies Building, Cochin University of Science & Technology, Cochin University P.O., Cochin – 682022, Kerala, India.
- j. The above details may be suitably amended by way of deletion/addition by the Governing Council/Syndicate.