



2025-2026 Master's Degree in Industrial Property (MIP)

Jointly Offered by

The World Intellectual Property Organization

And

Tongji University

September 2025 to December 2026



About the Program

Intellectual property (IP) rights could be seen as a bundle of property rights such as patents, copyrights, trademarks and designs, that protect creations of the mind. In the increasingly knowledge-driven economy, new products, brands, and creative designs are developed almost every day, and therefore IP has become an increasingly important part of every aspect of life. For creators, IP rights provide certain exclusive rights to defend their innovations and maximize the commercial benefits from their creative efforts or reputations. At the national level, strong IP protection incentivizes R&D investment, encourages trade and foreign investments, and it drives productivity and economic growth. More importantly, IP maximizes the knowledge spillover, which accelerates the generation of new technology and rising living standards overall. Whether it comes to artificial intelligence, green technologies, or traditional culture expressions, knowledge of IP rights is essential.

Comprehensive and dynamic concepts of industrial property form the backdrop for this MIP in Industrial Property program. The program offers a unique and challenging opportunity for students not only to acquire solid knowledge in the core areas of IP, but also to focus on industrial property protection in its many facets and stages. As this is a program offered in cooperation with WIPO and high-ranking European universities and institutes, the international level will be covered extensively and comparative law aspects will be included, with European Union law serving as the primary paradigm of regional protection systems. The learning experience will be further enhanced and inspired by the involvement of specialized national and international judges and practitioners experienced in the field.

Partners

1. WIPO Academy

The WIPO Academy is the center of excellence for IP education and training for WIPO Member States, in particular developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and countries in transition. Read more about WIPO Academy at <http://www.wipo.int/academy/en>.

For detailed information about WIPO, please visit: <http://www.wipo.int>.



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2. Shanghai International College of Intellectual Property, Tongji University (SICIP)

The SICIP is an international, inter-disciplinary platform for IP education and research at one of leading universities in China: <http://sicip.tongji.edu.cn/>



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Program Structure

Duration of the MIP in Industrial Property:

- ♦ September 2025 to July 2026, students are required to reside fully at Tongji University, finish the courses and present the thesis outline in the face-to-face annual conference.
- ♦ From August to December 2026, students will complete their thesis writing in their home countries and participate in an online oral defense.

Main courses:

- ♦ IP Law and Economics
- ♦ IP & Innovation Policy
- ♦ Patent Law
- ♦ Trademark Law and Geographical Indications
- ♦ Copyright Law
- ♦ Competition Policy and Law
- ♦ IP & Business Strategy
- ♦ IP in Digital Economy (big data, algorithms, block chain etc.)
- ♦ IP in Biomedicine (biotechnological and pharmaceutical industry)
- ♦ IP Asset Management (for Master of Management)
- ♦ IP Intelligence (for Master of Management)
- ♦ Judicial Protection of IP Rights (for Master of Law)
- ♦ Protection of IPRs under Criminal Law (for Master of Law)
- ♦ International IP Law
- ♦ Thesis

All courses will be conducted in English. For a detailed description of the courses please refer to the curriculum or contact us (sicip_intoff@tongji.edu.cn).

Thesis

The program will be completed upon submission of a written thesis, in which a current IP issue will be analyzed and discussed. Students will be required to give an oral defense on their thesis using the knowledge gathered from the MIP and their research on the topic of their thesis. The progress of the thesis project will be guided throughout by tutors.

Application for Admission

The WIPO-Tongji MIP in Industrial Property is a postgraduate program of high quality and is available to law and non-law graduates. In respect of final academic degree, students can apply for **Master of Law or Master of Management**, provided that the respective curriculum has been successfully completed. Applicants have to apply through both the WIPO Academy website and Tongji University application system.

Eligibility (Minimum):

- A Bachelor's Degree.
- One-year work experience.
- English proficiency (for non-native English speakers' proof of English language with IELTS 6.5, TOEFL 95 or equivalent proof of English proficiency).
- Outstanding academic performance, validated with an academic transcript etc.
- In possession of a valid passport for years 2025 and 2026.

Steps of Application:

1. Register and login via "Application" on the Tongji University application system for international students:
<http://study-info.tongji.edu.cn>

2. Start Application

Category: Self-sponsored (Scholarship will be provided by WIPO for selected candidates)

Type: Master Student

Department: Shanghai International College of Intellectual Property

Area of Research: Intellectual Property Program

Major: Intellectual Property Research (Intellectual Property Law) / Intellectual Property Research (Intellectual Property (Management))

Language of Instruction: English

3. Complete the information and upload all the necessary materials.
4. Send the application number and applicant name to sicip_intoff@tongji.edu.cn.

Note:

➤ **Application Timeline:**

For self-funded applicants: Applications will be accepted from **December 1, 2024 to February 20, 2025 and March 1, 2025 to April 10, 2025.**

Early-bird applications are encouraged and can be submitted from **December 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025** through both the WIPO system and the Tongji application system. Early-bird applicants will be given priority consideration for scholarship awards.

Please note that further updates will be provided if there are any changes to these dates. For the latest information, visit the SICIP website or contact us at sicip_intoff@tongji.edu.cn.

➤ **Passport Validity:**

Ensure that your passport is valid until at least January 2026 or later.

➤ **Application Materials:**

All required application materials must be uploaded electronically through the application system. Once admitted, you must bring the original paper copies of these materials for verification when you report to the university. Failure to submit the required documents, or submitting documents that do not meet the stated requirements, will result in rejection. If any of the required documents are not in Chinese or English, you must submit translated versions along with the originals.

For more application information, please refer to Tongji University International Students Office: <https://study.tongji.edu.cn/English/HOME.htm>

Important Issues

Scholarships:

Approximately 20 scholarships are available. WIPO provides a limited number of scholarships; and the Chinese Government provides approximately 15 Chinese Government Scholarships (CSCs), with financial support from WIPO for travel costs.

In general, WIPO scholarships cover:

- ♦ Registration and tuition fees
- ♦ Accommodation at Tongji University
- ♦ Subsistence monthly allowance
- ♦ International travel
- ♦ Medical insurance

Visa costs, if any, are at the expense of participants.

Note:

- All applicants to this program (regardless of whether or not they have applied for a scholarship) are requested to register through both the eLearning platform of the WIPO Academy and Tongji University Application System to initiate the registration and enrollment process. Only students who have completed registration in both systems are eligible as WIPO scholarship candidates. For more information, please visit the following website: <https://welc.wipo.int/acrp/program/aip>. WIPO Scholarships for this program will open for applications via the same website.
- For those who wish to apply for CSC Scholarships at the same time, please contact the SICIP team through this email: sicip_intoff@tongji.edu.cn. The CSC website normally opens for applications from December 2024 to April 2025.

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