

## **Ph.D. Admission 2025-26 (One Vacancy Under DPIIT IPR Chair) - Notification**

Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai (MNLU, Mumbai) is established by the way of enactment known as the Maharashtra National Law University Act (Maharashtra Act No. VI of 2014). Applications are invited for admission to the Ph.D. Programme 2025-26 in the field of Intellectual Property at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai.

### **❖ Eligibility**

1. Master's degree in Law with at least 55% marks or equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7- point scale.

**OR**

Master's Degree (regular mode) in any discipline from a recognized University including a foreign University with not less than 55% marks or its equivalent.

Provided that the candidate has domain knowledge and/or publications in the field of Intellectual Property.

2. UGC-CSIR NET Qualified
3. A relaxation of 5% in eligibility criteria will be granted to candidates from SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer)/EWS/ Differently-Abled persons and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark.
4. Candidates appearing in the final year of the qualifying examination are also eligible to apply. However, before the completion of the admission procedure, the original mark sheet of the qualifying examination has to be produced to show that the candidate fulfills the eligibility criteria.

### **NOTE:**

1. Preference will be given to candidates having domain knowledge and/ or publications in the field of Intellectual Property.

2. Enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree shall be **full-time**. The candidate shall put in minimum of three years residence of which at least 18 months shall be in the university. There shall thus be provision for the candidate to earn credits for research work done outside the university.
3. Six years shall be the maximum period in which the candidate shall complete the research work and submit it for evaluation.
4. As per paragraph 8.1 of the Scheme for Pedagogy & Research in IPRs for Holistic Education & Academia (SPRIHA) norms, Ph.D. candidate under the DPIIT IPR Chair will be provided fellowship as below.

8.1 Ph.D. Fellowships on Intellectual Property Rights: -

IPR Chairs can enrol Ph.D. scholars in the field of IP, who should be taken as per the norms of UGC/AICTE or respective University or Institute. An IPR Chair can enrol a maximum of 1 new student as a Ph.D. scholar every year.

Designation	Qualification	Fellowship	
		UGC-CSIR /JRF Qualified	UGC-CSIR / NET—Qualified
Ph.D. Fellowships	One no. JRF — 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> years	Stipend of Rs.37,000 p.m. + annual contingency as laid down under the Scheme of the UGC	Stipend of Rs.28,000 p.m. + annual contingency of Rs 25000 plus HRA as admissible
	One no. SRF - 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> years	Stipend of Rs.42,000 pm + annual contingency as	Stipend of Rs.32,000 pm + annual contingency of Rs

		laid down under the Scheme of the UGC	25000/- plus HRA as admissible
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8.1.1 The Grant for fellowship from this Scheme is admissible only in case UGC-CSIR NET grant is not claimed

## **PROCEDURE OF ADMISSION**

1. Application form is available at <https://forms.gle/7syncKGvVAuSYQAs6>
2. Payment Link -  
<https://payments.cashfree.com/forms/PhDAdmission2025undertheDPIITIPRChairMNLUMumAppFee>
3. Filled-up application form along with the self-attested photocopies of the supporting documents and proof of online payment details must be carried by the candidate at the time of personal interview.
4. Application fee is Rs.2000.
5. Shortlisted candidates shall be called for personal interview. They will be asked to submit research proposal.
6. Admission and selection will be based on the competency of candidate to carry out proposed research.
7. Candidates are advised to go through the MNLU Mumbai Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Regulations available on the website.

**❖ Application shall be rejected if:**

- i. Submitted without requisite fee
- ii. Incomplete application
- iii. False information
- iv. Delayed application.

## **Timeline**

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<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Particular</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Advertisement of Ph.D. Admission in the newspaper and on the website</b>	December 11, 2025
<b>2.</b>	<b>Last date of receiving fully filled application form</b>	January 9, 2026
<b>5.</b>	<b>Submission of Research Proposal</b>	February 28, 2026 (Tentative)

## **Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai**

### **APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION TO THE Ph.D. PROGRAMME UNDER DPIIT IPR CHAIR (2025-2026)**

#### **Instructions to candidates**

1. Every candidate should read the accompanying notification carefully and understand the eligibility criteria for appearing in the admission test.
2. Mere submission of application for Ph.D. registration shall not guarantee to the applicants admission in Ph.D. programme of MNLU Mumbai.
3. The candidates shall fill the application form with complete details correctly and legibly. The candidates are required to attach copies of the mark sheet(s) of the qualifying examination and other supporting documents.
4. Candidates are requested to pay prescribed fee per application through Payment Link provided, towards application processing fee.
5. The candidates should fill in the online application form with the requisite attachment.
6. All the shortlisted candidates shall be called for Research Proposal Presentation/interview in front of Research Committee. They shall submit a preliminary proposal (four hard copies) of research not exceeding 1500 words indicating the hypothesis, statement of problem, research outlines, set of research questions, proposed research methodology, survey of literature and expected outcomes of the research on or before the stipulated date.

7. Change in the PhD admission timeline dates or mode of conducting examination, if any, would be intimated to students with prior notice.
8. The University shall reserve the right to change the schedule or process of admission to Ph.D. Programme in case of contingencies.
9. Admission will be confirmed after verification of original documents post declaration of final result.
10. In case of any grievance or disputes, the decision of the University shall be final and binding on all.
11. Candidates are not required to submit printout of application or any documents to the University after online submission of application. However, these documents are to be submitted at the time of presentation/interview at the University.
12. No request for change in any information submitted in the online form will be entertained by the University.
13. Candidates should regularly check communication from university made through e-mails and keep visiting <https://www.mnlumumbai.edu.in/> for periodical updates.
14. For any further clarification with regard to admissions please contact:  
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