Since 1998, the WIPO Academy has been the core entity in WIPO for the delivery of intellectual property (IP) education, training and human capacity-building services particularly for developing countries, least developed countries and countries with economies in transition.

The Academy’s offerings range from face to face training to online education covering basic to advanced level courses. The Academy works closely with a number of partners from governments and from academia and its courses are offered in a range of languages.

The Academy’s four pillar programs are:
- Professional Development
- Distance Learning
- University Partnerships
- Summer Schools

Since 1998, the WIPO Academy has welcomed over 500,000 participants worldwide from over 190 countries.

Professional Development Program

The Professional Development Program is a unique provider of specialized IP training courses for government officials from developing countries, least developed countries and countries with economies in transition. These courses are run in partnership with more than 20 IP offices, increasingly based in the south. The program has consistently achieved overall gender balance among its participants.

Government officials

Selected candidates participate in the PDP training courses on a scholarship basis.
The Distance Learning Program provides access to basic and advanced online IP courses via the Academy’s e-learning platform and partner platforms. The courses are taught in over seven languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish). Participants in the advanced courses benefit from interactive coaching by renowned IP experts in the field. The Distance Learning courses are increasingly offered in accessible format for the visually impaired.

Students, young professionals, private sectors, government officials, researchers and scientists, teachers, judges and the general public.

Fees vary according to professional profile and country of origin. A limited number of participants from government offices, TISGs and national IP training institutions may benefit from scholarships.

University Partnerships

The Academy’s Joint Master’s Degree Programs are its flagship IP higher education courses. These are provided in partnership with a limited number of prestigious universities around the world. Over 50 per cent of the participants in these programs are from governments or universities in developing countries, least developed countries and countries with economies in transition and benefit from scholarships to fund their participation.

Graduate students, young professionals, university professionals, researchers, government officials dealing with IP and the general public.

Fees depend on the program and partners but a limited number of scholarships are available.

Summer Schools

The WIPO Summer Schools Program provides short two-week long intensive and interdisciplinary programs on IP in countries around the world. They are organized in partnership with Member State IP offices and Universities.

Students and young professionals.

Vary according to program – see our website for details: wipo.int/academy

IP4Youth

The IP4Youth provides teachers and young learners with age-relevant, customizable curricula on the role of IP in innovation and creativity. It includes delivery methodology, teacher training, and a hub for sharing IP teaching resources.

Judicial Training Institutions

This pilot project focuses on building the capacity of the judicial training institutions of Costa Rica, Lebanon, Nepal and Nigeria to deliver effective national IP education and training for members of the judiciary.

National IP Academies

The National IP Academies project provides countries with the expertise and skills to develop and deliver their own national IP education and training.