

2026 WIPO IP Moot Court Competition

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

This document will continue to be updated periodically.

Application process

1. What is the application deadline?

Applications must be submitted by December 15, 2025.

2. How many teams from each university can apply for participation?

Up to two teams from the same university may apply. Each team's application will be evaluated independently and will not influence the outcome of the other team.

3. Where do I find instructions on how to apply?

4. What materials do I need to submit for my application to be complete?

5. Where do I submit the video?

6. Where do I submit the consent form?

Please read the [Application Guidelines](#) for full instructions. You will be required to submit a short, pre-recorded video argument (max. 5 minutes). The video must be [uploaded to Tresorit using a dedicated link](#).

Don't forget that you will also need to complete a [registration form](#) signed by your Dean or faculty representative! The registration form should be sent by email to youth@wipo.int.

Both documents are also [available on our webpage](#).

7. Is there a registration fee required?

No, there is no registration fee.

Eligibility and composition of teams

8. Are “hybrid” teams (consisting of team members from different universities) eligible to apply?

No, all team members and the coach must be from the same university.

9. What is the maximum number of team members per team?

Each team must consist of two students and may also include one coach.

10. Are teams permitted to have more than one coach?

No, only one coach per team is permitted. The coach may be another student or faculty member of the university.

11. What is the maximum age for participation?

The team members must be aged 35 years or under at the time of application. This restriction does not apply to the coach.

12. Can I still participate after I have completed all my course work but have not submitted my dissertation?

13. Can I still participate if I have already finished my studies?

14. Are PhD students allowed to participate in the competition?

To be eligible, students must be enrolled in a law degree at the time of application and must not have previously received either a JD or LLM degree, nor been admitted to practice in any jurisdiction.

This means that students who have completed their coursework but have not yet graduated or been admitted to practice at the time of application, are eligible.

PhD students are eligible if they meet this description and the other criteria.

15. Must students be enrolled in a law degree program to participate?

The competition is primarily aimed at students enrolled in a law degree. However, we will consider applications from teams enrolled in closely related, IP-specific degrees (e.g. the WIPO Joint Masters on IP and Development Policy degree).

16. Can students who participated this year take part again, provided they are still enrolled?

Yes, provided they are still enrolled in a university, and meet other criteria.

Conduct of the Competition

17. In what language will the Competition be conducted?

The Competition will be conducted in English.

18. Are the online rounds considered equivalent to national or regional rounds?

Not necessarily. The online rounds will be organized in the most equitable way possible in light of the number and distribution of applications received and accepted. As the Competition is still growing in this second edition, this outcome is not pre-determined. Selected teams will be provided with additional information in due course.

19. Where can I find the competition rules?

The competition rules will be released together with the hypothetical scenario in late 2025.

Travel arrangements

20. Does WIPO fund teams for the Geneva rounds?

Yes. WIPO will provide funding for the eight teams that qualify for the final rounds in Geneva, Switzerland. The funding covers the cost of travel, accommodation and visa fees.

21. Can a team bring a third non-participating student to Geneva at their own cost?

A non-participating student may attend the final round in Geneva provided that they are self-funded. They are not permitted to provide assistance to the team, to ensure a level playing field.

22. Does WIPO assist with visa applications?

All participants are responsible for arranging their own visa applications and should begin the process promptly after being notified of their qualification for the final round.

WIPO will provide official support letters to assist with the visa application process through the relevant Swiss representative in each participant's country. WIPO will also reimburse the cost of visa applications.