

## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**N. 01/2023**

Call for Applications for the Postdoctoral Research Program, set to take place in collaboration with the Brazilian Intellectual Property Observatory, operating at the Department of Commercial Law of the Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo (FADUSP), as per the agreement entered between the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition/Smart IP for Latin America Initiative and FADUSP.

THE COUNCIL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL LAW OF THE FACULTY OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SÃO PAULO, in the use of the attributions granted by Article 32 of the Internal Regulations of the Faculty of Law, and in accordance with the CPq-FD Deliberation No. 1 of September 24, 2019, and considering that, under Article 2 of CPq-FD Deliberation No. 1 of September 24, 2019, the aims of the Postdoctoral Program are to “foster the development of scientific investigations linked to the lines of research and academic projects of the Faculty”, to “enable the postdoctoral fellow to collaborate with the research activities of the respective Department" and to "allow the interaction between different Departments and/or Faculties of USP, as well as between the Faculty of Law and other higher education institutions and research centers in Brazil and abroad”, hereby makes public the opening of applications and lays out rules for the selection process for admission into the Postdoctoral Research Program, set to take place in collaboration with the Brazilian Intellectual Property Observatory, operating at the Department of Commercial Law of the Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo (FADUSP), as per agreement entered into on January 11, 2023, between the Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition/Smart IP for Latin America Initiative and FADUSP.

### **1. BRAZILIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OBSERVATORY**

1.1. The Max Planck Institute for Innovation and Competition – MPI, headquartered in Munich and part of the Max Planck Society, launched the Smart IP for Latin

America Initiative – SIPLA, which aims to provide a neutral forum for academic and political debate on intellectual property and competition law in Latin America<sup>1</sup>.

- 1.2. SIPLA's mission is to develop research that aids the countries of the region in adopting principles, policies, and rules that best suit their creative and technological capabilities, as well as their needs and social, cultural, and economic priorities.
- 1.3. In pursuit of its mission, the Initiative has established Intellectual Property Observatories in Argentina and Colombia, and, most recently, along with the University of São Paulo, in Brazil.
- 1.4. The Brazilian Intellectual Property Observatory was inaugurated on 26 April, 2023, under the scope of the agreement signed on January 11, 2023, between FADUSP and MPI/SIPLA.
- 1.5. The Brazilian Intellectual Property Observatory is coordinated by Professor Juliana Krueger Pela, professor of the Department of Commercial Law of FADUSP, who will act as supervisor in the Postdoctoral Program. Professor Calixto Salomão Filho, Head of the Department of Commercial Law, will also participate and advise the Observatory's activities, alongside serving as a member of the Advisory Council of the SIPLA Initiative.
- 1.6. To carry out its research, the Brazilian Intellectual Property Observatory must have 3 (three) postdoctoral fellows, under an exclusive dedication regime (full-time) or under a partial dedication regime (part-time), for a period of 2 (two) years, which reason constitutes the purpose of this Call for Applications.
  - 1.6.1 One of the three vacancies will be reserved for self-declared black, brown and indigenous candidates.
- 1.7. The Observatory's line of research is innovation and sustainable technologies, including: (i) patent law; (ii) trade secrets; (iii) sustainability; (iv) technology transfer; (v) competition law; (vi) protection of genetic resources; and (vii) distinctive signs.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sipla.ip.mpg.de/pt/index.html>

## **2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND MANDATORY DOCUMENTS**

- 2.1. Ph.D. holders from domestic or foreign higher education institutions with a dissertation defense date prior to the application deadline are eligible to apply.
- 2.2. Applications are to be submitted until 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 via e-mail, to [dco@usp.br](mailto:dco@usp.br) and [julianapela@usp.br](mailto:julianapela@usp.br), in the form of a memo expressing the motivation to serve as a research fellow at the Brazilian Intellectual Property Observatory, accompanied by the following documents:
  - 2.2.1 Photocopy of ID Card;
  - 2.2.2 Self-declaration as black or brown;
  - 2.2.3 Self-declaration as indigenous (by presenting your candidate's own "Registro Administrativo de Nascimento do Índio – Rani" or, in the absence of it, yours parents "Registro Administrativo de Nascimento de Índio – Rani");
  - 2.2.2 Photocopy of Ph.D. Degree Certificate;
  - 2.2.3 Copy of the Ph.D. dissertation and of one article authored by the applicant;
  - 2.2.4 Full curriculum vitae;
  - 2.2.5 Proof of address;
  - 2.2.5 CNPq Lattes Curriculum and ORCID iD links;
  - 2.2.6 Declaration of availability to serve as a research fellow, whether full-time or part-time, and of the number of hours to be spent on research activities per week;
  - 2.2.7 Declaration of willingness to apply for a scholarship for post doctorate study grants and other financial support through an agency or government-funded program, if applicable;
  - 2.2.8 Declaration of English and Spanish languages proficiency, accompanied, if possible, by the corresponding certificates;
  - 2.2.9 Research project and work plan, to be carried in one or more of the lines of research mentioned in section 1.7., above.

## **3. SELECTION PROCESS**

- 3.1. The selection process will be overseen by the coordination of the Brazilian Intellectual Property Observatory and by one member of the MPI/SIPLA and will consist of (i) analysis of the documentation submitted under section 2., above; (ii) one or more interviews with the applicants, either in-person or remote,

individually, or jointly.

3.1.1 Interviews will be scheduled via e-mail, in response to the applicant's e-mail submission mentioned in section 2.2., above, and at least 5 (five) days in advance.

3.2. The selection criteria for post-doctoral fellows are as follows: (i) quality and excellence of academic background and scientific production; (ii) pertinence and independence of previous academic work to the areas of intellectual property and competition, with a desirable link to the lines of research mentioned in section 1.7., above; (iii) prior experience as a researcher; (iv) capacity for teamwork; and (v) availability.

3.3. The selection process results shall be submitted to the Council of the Department of Commercial Law, along with the supervisor's opinion, for deliberation and approval, upon which it will be forwarded to the Research Committee for the procedures outlined by the CPq-FD Deliberation No. 1/19. Applicants will then receive an e-mail notification of the results, which will also be announced on FADUSP's website.

3.3.1 The selected applicants will have a period of 5 (five) days to present the mandatory documents to formalize their admission in the Postdoctoral Program. The documents, specified in the CPq-FD Deliberation No. 1/19, will be indicated in the e-mail mentioned in section 3.3., above, which will disclose the results of the selection process.

#### **4. ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE SELECTED RESEARCH FELLOWS**

4.1 The activities to be carried out by the selected postdoctoral research fellows are as follows:

- i. Preparation and presentation of interim and final research reports, in accordance with the requirements of CPq-FD Deliberation No. 1/19;
- ii. Participation in all research activities of the Brazilian Intellectual Property Observatory, which include, but are not limited to: research, including possible research internships at affiliated institutions; organization and

participation in scientific events; preparation of scientific articles and comparative reports; preparation of newsletters and case law analysis.

## **5. FINAL PROVISIONS**

5.1 CPq-FD Deliberation No. 01 of September 24, 2019, shall apply subsidiarily.

5.2 Any omissions shall be resolved by the Department Head and the Research Committee of FADUSP.

São Paulo, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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