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Subject: International IP Moot Court Funding Guidelines(IIMCFG) - reg.

In order to promote the participation of Indian law students in prestigious International Intellectual Property (IP) Moot Court Competitions, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), through its CIPAM Cell, has formulated the *International IP Moot Court Funding Guidelines (IIMCFG)* to provide structured financial assistance to eligible teams from recognized Indian law universities, colleges, and institutions.

2) The funding will cover expenses such as airfare, accommodation, local transport, food allowance, and competition registration, subject to prescribed caps. The detailed *International IP Moot Court Funding Guidelines (IIMCFG) – 2025* are enclosed as **Annexure-I** for information and necessary action by all concerned.

3) This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl.: As above.


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(Director)

To:

1. All Sections / Divisions in DPIIT.
2. Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks.
3. All recognized law universities and colleges (through UGC / BCI).

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1. Introduction

In today's globalized landscape, where intellectual property rights drive the boundaries of innovation, it is essential for India to develop legal professionals with expertise in IP law. International moot court competitions help students develop legal research, writing, and advocacy skills while boosting confidence and public speaking. They also offer global exposure, networking opportunities, and enhance career prospects in law. The International IP Moot Court Funding Guidelines (IIMCFG), an initiative of the CIPAM Cell under DPIIT, seeks to sponsor Indian law students participating in prestigious international IP moot court competitions.

2. Objectives

- Promote the participation of Indian law students in prestigious international IP moot court competitions.
- Offer financial assistance to help fight economic barriers.
- Foster inclusive representation from a wide range of academic institutions across the country.
- Contribute to the development of a strong pipeline of globally competent IP law professionals.

3. Eligibility

3.1 Student Eligibility

- Students must be currently enrolled in law universities, colleges, or institutions of higher learning recognized by the Central or State Government, including those recognized by the UGC.
- Selected for one of the international moot competitions listed out under these Guidelines
- Only one team per institution per year, comprising a maximum of three students, will be funded.
- Applications will be accepted through the dedicated email ID - ipmootcourt-dpiit@gov.in

3.2 Listed Competitions

Under these Guidelines, the students will be eligible for funding support by CIPAM, DPIIT only for the following moot competitions:

- *Oxford International Intellectual Property Moot Court Competition (UK)*
- *WIPO IP Moot Court Competition*
- *INTA Asia Pacific Moot Court Competition*
- *William C Vis International Moot Court Competition (IP rounds only)*
- *Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition (IP rounds only)*

(List may annually be updated by CIPAM)

4. Funding Components & Financial Support

The University/Institution shall submit financial estimates, under each head, with the application (before the event) or request reimbursement of actual expenses (after the event). However, the grant to the University / Institute / College will be limited to the maximum cap specified below.

Expense	Upper Cap
Airfare (Round Trip)	₹1,50,000 per student (roundtrip)
Accommodation	₹7,500/night per student (max 7 nights)
Food and transport Allowance	₹7,500/day per student (max 7 nights)
Moot Registration	₹85,000/team
TOTAL	₹8.50 lakhs (per team of 3 students)

5. Program Scale:

- A maximum of **10 teams** from India will be sponsored each year.
- Only **one team (of three students) per university/college/institution per year** will be eligible.
- Selection will be on a *first-come, first-served basis*.

6. Application Process

Step 1: Application

Applications must be submitted by the University/Institution through the dedicated email ID - ipmootcourt-dpiit@gov.in and must include:

- Proof of selection of the students/team in the International Moot court

competitions listed under these Guidelines must be submitted along with the application.

- Students' profiles and academic records.
- Brief profile of the University / College / Institution
- If the application is submitted before the event, financial estimates under each category must be provided; and if submitted after the event, actual expenses are to be claimed subject to the specified upper cap.

In case of advance disbursement, the University/Institution will be required to submit a Utilization Certificate after the event and refund unutilized funds (if actual expenses are less than estimated).

Step 2: Evaluation

CIPAM Cell, DPIIT will assess applications for eligibility under these Guidelines.

Step 3: Approval & Disbursement

Following approval by the Competent Authority at DPIIT, funds will be disbursed by the CIPAM Cell to the respective University/Institution.

7. Timelines for Application Processing

- Every application will be acknowledged by CIPAM within **5 working days**.
- Evaluation and processing will be completed within **15 working days** of receiving all requisite documents/clarifications.
- Funds will be disbursed within **20 working days** of approval.
- These timelines may be revised by DPIIT from time to time, if required.

8. Monitoring & Impact Assessment

- The University/Institution must submit a **post-event report** including outcomes, key learnings, and rankings.
- Feedback must also be submitted by the University/Institution to support future improvements.

9. Budget & Fund Allocation

- An annual budget will be allocated by DPIIT under the CIPAM Cell.
- The budget may be reviewed annually and may be enhanced based on demand.