

2027 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 November 6, 2026.

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 declaration form?

Please read the Application Guidelines for full instructions. You will be required to submit a short, pre-recorded video argument (max. 5 minutes). All submissions are made through the online application form. A video must be sent separately by using the following link: <https://web.tresorit.com/r#OHnzmGsr3ojGs3DVMy5aIQ>
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Don't forget that you will also need to complete an online application form and a declaration form signed by your Dean or Faculty representative including the two participating members of each team!

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

7. Is there an application 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 a law 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.

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. Winners of any iteration of this competition are not permitted to participate.

Conduct of the Competition

17. In what language will the Competition be conducted?

The Competition will be conducted in English.

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

Not necessarily. The virtual oral 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 third edition, this outcome is not

pre-determined. Selected teams will be provided with additional information in due course.

Travel arrangements

19. 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. Note that team coaches will **not** be funded by WIPO.

20. 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 of playing field.

21. Does WIPO assist with visa applications?

All participants are responsible for arranging their own passport and 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 cover the required visa fees: nevertheless, any additional cost associated with obtaining the visa must be borne by the participants.