



Gujarat National Law University
Gandhinagar, Gujarat
Advertisement for DPIIT-IPR Chair under SPRIHA Scheme for the
Financial Year 2026-27

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Name of the Post(s)	Consolidated	Number of Post(s)	Type of Post
IPR Chair	Consolidated ₹ 1,50,000/- Per Month	01 (UR)	Contractual basis

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

1.	DPIIT-IPR Chair
	ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATIONS:
(i)	has served as, or meets the eligibility criteria for serving as, a Professor or an Associate Professor as prescribed by the UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualification for Appointment of Teachers and Other Academic Staff in Universities and Colleges and Measures for the Maintenance of Standards in Higher Education, 2018; and possesses sufficient teaching and research experience in Intellectual Property Rights (IPR),
	or
(ii)	is an IP attorney who has practiced IPR law for a minimum of ten years, OR any other professional who has gained significant recognition in the field of IPR with no less than ten years of experience in the said field,
	or
(iii)	is a retired official of the IP Office under CGPDTM, holding a doctorate degree, with a minimum of five years of experience working at Level 12 or above, such as Controller of Patent & Design, Registrar of Trademark & Geographical Indications, or Registrar of Copyrights.
(iv)	Any individual above the age of 70 years shall not be eligible for the appointment as IPR Chair.
	ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CHAIR
	Under the guidance of Head, Research and Publication Cell in-coordination with GNLU Center for IPR and overall direction of the Director and the Registrar, GNLU, the incumbent shall perform the following Activities and Function of the Chair in consultation with DPIIT;
(i)	Inclusion of IPR as a course at undergraduate level, which shall earn credits for being included in overall aggregation of assessment and marks of the students for the said course, which the student may be undergoing in the University. Inclusion of IPR as a credit course at the undergraduate level is MANDATORY for all IPR chairs, and compliance in this regard is necessary to claim grants from DPIIT.
(ii)	Inclusion of Post Graduate degree / Diploma courses on IPR for specialization in the fields of IPRs.
(iii)	Inclusion of exclusive curricula on IPR for doctoral and post-doctoral studies.

(iv)	Inclusion of certificate courses / distance learning courses / online courses on IPR.
(v)	Provision of full time / part-time scholarships and fellowships for conducting research in legal, economic, socio-legal, social, technological, entrepreneurial aspects of new and emerging IPR areas (National and International).
(vi)	Setting up of a repository for IPR related information and case studies at the university both in physical and electronic form.
(vii)	Preparation of repertoire of resources / toolkit / guidance / instruction materials for various levels of IPR courses in education services for direct teaching as well as teaching through distance education mode / online courses including commissioning of suitable resource persons for the purpose. Studies commissioned by DIPP, are to be necessarily conducted by the IPR chair. A synopsis / concept note, in this regard, will be provided by the IPR Chair to DIPP before taking up such study.
(viii)	Facilitate filling of IPR applications (by way of copyrights, patents etc.) to further strengthen IP as a key driver for India's knowledge driven economy. The future focus of research will be on mutual relationship with academic institutions/universities as well as industrial cooperation thus bringing together the disciplines of IP and management, as well as identify the communication gaps in academia and industries for technology sharing / mutual research, etc. IPR Chairs can enroll Ph.D. scholars in the field of IP, who should be taken as per the norms of UGC/AICTE or the Institute.
(ix)	The Minimum targets laid out in Annexure A to SPRIHA Guidelines (attached on the GNLU Website under the Career Webpage) must be met, failing which the DPIIT may cancel the IPR Chair.
(x)	To fulfill the vision and objectives of the DPIIT Chair and to adhere to all other conditions, roles, and responsibilities as stipulated in the SPRIHA Guidelines.

Important Instructions to the Candidates

1. The candidate selected against this advertisement shall be required to work at GNLU, Gandhinagar.
2. The candidate must ensure his/ her eligibility and other requisite criteria before applying for the post(s) and then only apply.
3. The above position is initially for a period of one year on a contractual basis and extendable on a year-to-year basis subject to performance. An individual may serve as an IPR Chair for a term of up to 5 years, starting from the date of the appointment. No person may continue as an IPR Chair for more than 5 years from the date of the appointment.
4. The contractual appointment shall give no right to renewal, extension or conversion into permanent appointment and shall end on the stipulated date of expiry of contract as mentioned in the appointment letter.
5. The character of a person for direct recruitment to the service must be such as to render him/ her suitable in all respect for appointment to the service. Persons dismissed by the Union Government or by a State Government or by a Local Authority or a Government Corporation owned or controlled by the Central Government or State Government will be deemed to be ineligible for appointment.
6. Candidates shall send self-attested copies of their certificates and mark-sheets from SSC onwards relevant to the qualifications acquired. Original Certificates should not be sent along with the application form, but must be produced at the time of selection process.
7. Candidates already in Government/ Semi Government/ PSU/ Educational Institution service must send their application through proper channel. However, an advance copy may be sent directly to the University. In such cases, the candidates called for selection process will have to produce the certificates in the prescribed format as given in the application form related to No Objection Certificate or original applications duly forwarded by the competent authority of their institution, failing which he/ she shall not be allowed to participate in the selection process.

8. The Application Form is available on the University Website under the Career webpage (<https://www.gnl.u.ac.in/GNLU/Careers>).
9. Application fees: ₹ 1000 for candidates from unreserved category and ₹ 700 for candidates from Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST)/ Differently-abled (Physically and visually differently-abled) categories. Fees shall be paid through Demand Draft drawn in favor of “Gujarat National Law University” payable at Ahmedabad. No other mode of fees payment shall be accepted. Application form without the requisite application fees shall be summarily rejected.
10. The application in the prescribed format along with DD (Demand Draft) and the relevant supporting documents should reach “The Registrar, Gujarat National Law University, Attalika Avenue, Knowledge Corridor, Koba, Gandhinagar, Gujarat-382426, India” by 5:00 PM on or before 5th June, 2026. The application form must be sent through Indian Post (Registered Post or Speed Post)/Courier. Application form submitted in person will not be accepted by the University.
11. The University reserves the right to cancel and/or amend the advertisement. Selection and nomination procedure will be done in concurrence with guidelines issued by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India.
12. Candidates shall submit application form as per the prescribed format along with recent passport size photograph. Incomplete application or other than prescribed format will not be entertained.
13. It is the candidate’s duty to ensure that his/ her application is received by the University within the stipulated timeline. No correspondence will be entertained by the University regarding delay in submission of the application form through email, not being called for interview or about the result of interview etc.
14. Canvassing in any form will result in disqualification.
15. Selected candidate(s) must join the duty on the date as determined by the University. University reserves the right not to appoint any selected candidate if he/ she is unable to join the duties on a designated date.
16. No TA/ DA shall be paid for attending/ participating in the selection process. No shortlisted candidate(s) will be considered after the prescribed date and time of selection process, in case, if he/ she is unable to attend the selection process, for whatever reason.
17. The University reserves the right to alter/ insert any corrections/ additions in the advertisement/ website in the event of any typographical error before the last date prescribed for the receipt of application. In case of any addition/ deletion pertaining to advertisement, the same shall be published in University website only.
18. University shall verify the antecedents or documents submitted by a candidate at any time at the time of appointment or during the tenure of his/ her service. In case, it is detected that the information(s) given by candidate are fake or the candidate has a clandestine antecedents/ background and has suppressed any information, then his/ her application or service shall be terminated.
19. Decision of the University authorities in any matter relevant to the advertisement shall be final and binding.
20. Eligibility of the candidate will be determined on last date of receipt of the application.
21. University reserves the right not to fill up the vacancy advertised, if the circumstances so warrant. No personal details regarding candidate(s), shortlisted or selected candidate(s) will be provided.
22. The University will intimate the eligible shortlisted candidate(s) after the last date of application through e-mail provided by the candidate(s) in the application form.

Registrar