

STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT POSITIONS

The **University of Cape Town's Intellectual Property (IP) Unit**, based in the Law Faculty, focuses on adding an African voice to the global debate on IP-related issues by examining the links between IP, innovation, development and public policy. It aims to create a leading IP programme in Africa that translates cutting-edge research into high-quality teaching and increases the number of highly skilled African IP experts. We are involved in numerous domestic, regional and international research collaborations, and for our project Open AIR (www.openair.africa) we seek outstanding LL.B., LL.M. and PhD students to join our team as **student research assistants for 6 months, beginning 15 June 2021**.

Student research assistant duties will span the scholarly spectrum and can include: conducting literature reviews; creating surveys and other tools; collecting, managing and analysing data; co-writing peer reviewed articles and media materials; co-presenting findings; and managing the activities of a unit within a broader organisational structure. Student research assistants will also be encouraged and supported to conduct their own original research, under the direction and mentorship of academics based at UCT and/or other participating faculty, and could receive authorial or co-authorial credit. These activities will build academic skills like research methods, theory building, and scholarly publishing. Student research assistants will also have administrative duties within Open AIR in order to help build highly transferable professional skills such as leadership and teamwork, project management, and community engagement.

Student research assistants are expected to work **for up to 35 hours per month at an hourly rate of R98 (LLB), R139 (LLM), or R144 (PhD)**. If the campus is closed, remote working options can be negotiated.

Applicants must:

- be computer literate;
- know how to search online databases;
- have some previous experience with drafting literature reviews;
- have a keen interest in intellectual property law;
- have good organisational skills;
- be interested and able to work on social media, writing and posting blogs
- be able to work with accuracy and attention to detail.

Since funding is provided by Canadian funding agencies for these positions, an academic or other relevant link with Canada would be an asset.

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, please provide – via email to Open AIR Project Manager Nan Warner on nancy.warner@uct.ac.za – a curriculum vitae, copies of your qualification certificates and a covering letter outlining your qualifications/experience and how they would support our work. **The deadline for applications is 1 June 2021**