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CLOSING DATE: 28 February 2025

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BACKGROUND:

The Moses Kotane Institute (MKRI) is an entity of the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Government through the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA) with a mandate to provide research and development services to support provincial development economic interventions. The Innovation Sub-unit within the Development unit of MKRI constantly required Intellectual Property Lawyers to assist the Innovators supported by the entity to protect their patents.

Having identified a skills gap in the legal fraternity in terms of Intellectual Property, particularly patents, the MKRI is availing a funding opportunity to the KwaZulu-Natal residents who wish to pursue postgraduate studies in Intellectual Property Law at any SAQA accredited South African institution. The purpose of this initiative is to increase the pool of Intellectual Property Legal Practitioners in the province.

YOU CAN APPLY IF:

- You have been accepted for a Postgraduate qualification in Intellectual Property Law at an accredited university in South Africa.
- You have been accepted / admitted students.
- You are a South African citizen residing in the KZN province.

WHAT DOES THE RESEARCH FUND COVER?

- Tuition costs ONLY.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (Submission of the following documents is mandatory)

- Application Form.
- Certified copy of Identity Document.
- Certified copies of your qualifications.
- Professional registrations e.g. Legal Practice Council and SA Institute of Intellectual Property Law (if applicable)
- Admission/ Acceptance letter from a SAQA accredited study institution.
- Proforma fees quotation from the institution.
- Proof of residence (KZN residents only), and
- 1 page motivation supporting the application, indicating how you will assist the KZN province once completed.

DISQUALIFICATION:

- Applicants who do not meet the requirements.
- Applications received after the closing date.
- Non-submission of the required documents
- Applications not submitted to the designated email address.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Interested applicants must email all the required documents to researchfund@moseskotane.com on or before the **28 February 2025 (closing date)**.
- Successful applicants will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Moses Kotane Research Institute, subject to Terms and Conditions which include servicing the MKRI after qualification.
- MKRI reserves the right not to award funding.