



Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Intellectual Property Law

(2-year fixed-term position – ANR Access ERC programme)

Host institution:

LR CEIPI (UR 4375) – Research Department of the Center for International Intellectual Property Studies,
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Type of contract: CDD, Category A

Contract duration: 24 months (full-time), starting between **1 July and 1 September 2026**

Funding scheme: ANR Access ERC Starting Grants Programme (2026 edition)

About the position

The Research Department of the Center for International Intellectual Property Studies (CEIPI), a leading European research center in intellectual property law, invites applications for a **two-year postdoctoral research position** in the field of **Intellectual Property Law**, funded by the French National Research Agency (ANR) under the [Access ERC programme](#).

This position is designed to support outstanding early-career researchers in preparing a **competitive application to the ERC Starting Grant (ERC StG 2028)**. The successful candidate will conduct independent, high-level research while benefiting from an excellent intellectual environment and tailored mentoring at CEIPI.

Research topic

The research topic is **open**, provided it falls within the broad field of **intellectual property law**, including but not limited to:

- Patent law and innovation
- Copyright and creative industries
- Trade marks and geographical indications
- IP and digital technologies (with particular emphasis on AI, data, platforms)

- IP, competition, and regulation
- IP and sustainability
- Comparative or international intellectual property law

The project must be suitable for submission to one of the 8 ERC **Social Sciences and Humanities (SH)** panels.

Main objectives and mission

The postdoctoral researcher will:

- Develop an **ambitious and innovative research project** with ERC Starting Grant potential
- Produce **high-quality international publications**
- Strengthen his/her academic profile (CV) in line with ERC excellence criteria
- Actively participate in the research life of CEIPI
- Prepare and submit an **ERC Starting Grant application (2028 call)** by October 2027, with CEIPI as Host Institution

The researcher will benefit from scientific supervision and institutional support throughout the contract, including guidance on ERC proposal preparation.

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria (as required by the ANR Access ERC programme):

- Hold a **PhD** in Intellectual Property Law
- Have **2 to 6 years of postdoctoral experience** as of 1 January 2028
 - PhD defence date between **1 January 2021 and 31 December 2025** (exceptions apply according to ANR rules)
- Demonstrate **academic mobility** of at least one year during or after the PhD
- Show an **excellent command of English**, both written and spoken
- Have a solid record of research outputs and demonstrate potential for research independence – for example by having produced at least one significant publication as main author or without the PhD supervisor

Applicants must **not** have previously benefited from an ANR Access ERC grant.

Working conditions and funding

- Full-time **postdoctoral contract (24 months)**
- Remuneration according to French public research regulations
- Research budget covering mobility, publications, conferences, and related expenses
- Access to CEIPI's international research networks and academic resources

The position is conditional upon the **selection of the candidate's project by the ANR Access ERC call (2026)**.

Application procedure

Interested candidates are invited to submit:

1. A **CV**
2. List of publications and conference participation
3. A **brief research project outline** (4–5 pages) highlighting its ERC potential
4. A **cover letter** explaining the applicant's motivation and eligibility for the Access ERC programme
5. A 4-page summary of the doctoral thesis
6. A copy of the PhD diploma

Shortlisted candidates will be supported by CEIPI in preparing a full proposal for submission to the **ANR Access ERC 2026 call (deadline for submission 24th February 2026), 13h00.**

Deadline for submitting the applications: **2nd February 2026, 12h00**

Contact for submitting the application and additional information:

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