

CHECKLIST

Name: _____ Name of Collaborator 1: _____
Department: _____ Name of Collaborator 2: _____
Name of PI: _____ Title of the Project: _____

Top 3 Tips

- ✓ Understand the difference between publishing an article and patenting.
- ✓ Be prepared for a lengthy wait.
- ✓ Be up-to date with the laws on patenting.



GET YOUR RESEARCH PATENTED



Requisites for Patenting

- My innovation is patentable subject matter.
- My innovation is new or 'novel', the idea has never been patented.
- My innovation is inventive, it is a new invention in my research feild.
- My innovation is useful (utility), it has commercial value in the society
- My innovation does not have prior use, it has not been in use until now.

Understanding the Process

- I have a new, innovative, useful, and patentable product developed during my research.
- It is essential to learn whether the idea or the product has already been patented by another entity.
- I have done enough market research to know if the product is worth patenting.
- I am aware of the three types of patenting: Utility, Design, and Plant patents.
- I have hired a good, competent patent attorney with through knowledge on patents and patent laws.
- I have understood the patent laws of different countries prior to publically exhibiting a valuable technology.
- I am aware that laws pertaining to patenting can change anytime, I am up-to-date with the laws in place now.
- I am aware of, and understand that patenting laws are different from intellectual property laws and copyrights.
- I am aware that reviewing long legal documents is cumbersome and a demanding process.
- I am aware of non-disclosure agreements and understand its importance and usage during the process of patenting.
- I am aware of the exorbitant charges and financial constraints which may arise during the process.
- I understand that the opportunity for obtaining a patent can be lost by publishing the underlying research if it is available to the public, in any way, anywhere in the world, prior to a patent application being filed.
- I have joined an inventors group to give me access to like-minded people in research, it helps me exchange ideas and collect information on patenting and support each other throughout the process.
- I have made a simple prototype or mock of the intended research product to establish the overall working of the idea.
- I have a basic design to understand the mechanism of working of my product, along with the experts to design it accordingly.
- I have filled out the patent application thoroughly with adequate information on different aspects of the form.
- I am aware of provisional patent applications and I have applied for the same.