

IDC = Invention Disclosure Committee

Inventor submits disclosure to IDC. If required, Inventor meets with IDC to discuss. IDC will present to EMC* for info.

IDC submits disclosure to 3rd Party for review. Results of review to be presented by IDC to EMC*.

As soon as possible. If Inventor wishes to publish, abstract and basic info to be submitted to VPR for review & VPR to make decision within 2 weeks of initial submission deadline.

45-day "Evaluation Period"

* And SMC as needed

Will 3rd Party develop ?

Y

3rd Party prepares & files patent.

30-day "Negotiation Period"

N

IDC to determine if provisional should be filed.

15 days

N

Y

Inventor has one year to work on IP and make decisions along with IDC to proceed to PCT phase. If decision made to proceed to commercialization, Institute will manage or will use 3rd Party.

365 days

If Institute decides not to proceed, Institute assigns all IP rights to Inventor.*
*See Intellectual Property Policy for details and conditions.

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Patent Application Process

Provisional Patent

(file as complete as possible and work with patent agent)

Valid only for 12 months and then must file full application (could be just US or just PCT or both US and PCT)

PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty)

- simplifies the process for filing patent applications
- delays expenses associated with applying for patent protection in other countries
- allows inventor more time to assess commercial viability of invention (delays decision date by ~2.5yrs from provisional filing)

30 months to file national phases

By end of PCT period must decide in which countries to file as government fees are significant over a 20-year period