

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1 Is it possible to utilize the services of VIT IPR Cell to apply for patent and getting it granted?

Yes, very much so. VIT IPR Cell has the mandate of facilitating the patenting of inventions made by faculty members, research associates, research scholars and other researchers working at VIT.

2 In what proportion would the expenditure to be incurred for getting the patent granted be shared between VIT and the inventors?

If the patent application is processed through VIT IPR Cell and VIT is the Assignee for the granted patent, the fee payable at various stages in the process of getting the patent granted is paid by VIT. No fees in such a case is payable by the Inventor.

3 If the expenditure to be incurred for the patenting process is fully borne by VIT, what will be royalty share for inventors after the patent is granted and we go for commercialization?

The revenue accruing out of the commercial exploitation of IP (i.e. the technology transfer fee and subsequent royalty payments) would be shared appropriately between the inventor(s) and the Institute. Currently this ratio is 60:40.

4 Can you help us with the complete rules and regulations of the patent application and regulations followed by the VIT IPR Cell?

Please go through the links 'Frequently asked questions' and 'IPR Policy' under "IPR Cell" link at VIT Website.

5 Is it possible to apply for patent as an individual without help from VIT?

If the work leading to the invention is done during the stay of researcher at VIT and if the facilities available at VIT are used to do the work leading to the invention, it is expected that the Inventor files the application through VIT IPR Cell with VIT as the Assignee.

6 If the patent application is not processed through VIT IPR Cell, will VIT still financially support the patenting process?

If the patent is not applied through VIT IPR Cell, VIT will not pay for any of the expenditure associated with the patenting process

7 What is the documentation to be submitted to IPR Cell and what is the mode of submission, when one makes a beginning with patenting his invention?

The Inventor has to make his proposal in the format of Invention Disclosure Form (IDF). The format of IDF is different for utility and design patents. The blank of the IDF for utility patent / design patent, as necessary, may be downloaded from the IPR Cell link at the VIT Website. There were instances, where Application for Copyright Registration was filled up and submitted to IPR Cell. This document is not required to be submitted to IPR Cell. There were also instances, when the Inventor submitted details as Forms 1, 2, 3 and 5 of the Indian Patents Act 1970. These forms are not required to be submitted to IPR Cell.

The process of submission of the patent application to IPR Cell has since been digitalised. The submission is to be done through VIT VTOP. The link is <https://vtop.vit.ac.in/vtop/initialProcess>. The Inventors intending to have their patent application processed through IPR Cell may go to “Research” and click “IPR Cell”. The link “Manage IDF” may then be clicked. The Inventor would be taken to IPR dashboard. He can then start the process of submission of the Documentation.

8 Which are the points which need particular attention, while filling the Invention Disclosure Form (IDF) for utility patents?

The following points in IDF require particular attention:

Point 8: *General area of the patent: Please be specific*

Point 10: *Information available in the published literature (prior art): You have to cite, without fail, patents granted in related areas, including the patent number.*

Point 11: *Limitations of the presently available technology / product: The response to this point should be clearly emerging from the response given to point 10*

Point 12: *Description of the invention: As detailed as possible and well-illustrated with flow charts, diagrams etc. as appropriate*

Point 20: *Commercial aspects of the product / process / technology developed: To be compulsorily answered and not to be glossed over*

Point 22: *Any industries / companies interested in licensing this work: Your response should be there, without fail.*

9 Is it necessary to submit hard copy of Invention Disclosure Form to VIT IPR Cell?

It is not necessary to submit hard copy. It is sufficient to upload soft copy through VIT VTOP.

10 Should the Inventor also get in touch with Technology Business Incubator (TBI) at VIT?

No. The IPR related issues are no more handled by TBI. IPR Cell is now looking after all IPR related matters. All correspondence relating to IPR matters may please be addressed to iprvit@vit.ac.in

11 Can the VIT IPR Cell be contacted telephonically?

Should you need any clarification on telephone, the Convener of the Cell is available at VIT extension 2297.

12 What are the steps involved from the point of submitting the application to IPR Cell till the point of grant of patent?

Please see the enclosed flow diagram.

STEPS INVOLVED IN THE PATENTING PROCESS

