From idea to patent
Focus on life science
Seminar for Technical University Munich

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| Format | - self-paced preparation (including online courses and videos)  
- live online session with Q&A |

This course has been specifically designed for researchers and innovators in new technologies and looks at the importance of patents as a source of information for research and new projects and as a means of protecting inventions. The focus is set on how to best protect and exploit the research results by raising awareness on Intellectual Property (IP) and what the benefits are to know more about IP.

You will have access to reading material, videos, examples as well as successful IP case studies on how university inventions turned into business.

In a live online session, you will have the opportunity to meet and put questions to an examiner and an EPO patent documentation expert. The first presentation will illustrate the criteria which the European Patent Office applies when examining life science patent applications with a focus on novelty and inventive step. The second presentation will deepen the use of patent documentation by exploring the information that can be found in patents in your technical field.

Self-paced preparation

Prior to the live online sessions, participants are invited to study the preparatory material to be provided in the European Patent Academy’s eLearning centre.

Please register to access the mandatory and optional self-paced courses at https://e-courses.epo.org

This online course is a mandatory prerequisite for the participation in the live online session:
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The following online courses serve as optional preparatory material:
- The European patent system from filing to grant
- Think patents: the value of patent documentation for innovation and research

The case study “MPG (DE) - Fast Low Angle Shot (FLASH) MRI” and Baseclick GmbH (DE) - Click Chemistry is recommended.
Live online session

30 September 2021

Moderator: Philipp Merkl, technology manager, TUM ForTe, Munich

09.30 What is new? What is inventive? What is patentable?
An exercise with a patent examiner
Wolfram Meyer, examiner, European Patent Office, Munich

11.00 Break

11.15 Retrieving patent information
An exercise with a patent documentation expert
Christian Soltmann, product manager, European Patent Office, Vienna

12.45 End

EPO experts

Wolfram Meyer studied in Freiburg and graduated in cellular biology at the Basel Institute for Immunology in Basel. He made a postdoc at the Institut Suisse de Recherche Expérimentale sur le Cancer in Lausanne and joined the EPO in 1998. He is co-author of the book “Abenteuer Innovation” and the paper publication "Patents: a tool to bring innovation from the lab bench to the marketplace." Wolfram is the co-ordinator of the Continuous Knowledge Transfer team (CKT), in Munich of the sector Human Necessities, Biotechnology and Chemistry (HBC). The CKT is responsible for informal knowledge transfer within the EPO.

Christian Soltmann is a product manager in the Vienna sub-office of the EPO. He holds a PhD in materials science and a MAS in intellectual property. After several years in the field of fundamental and applied research, he specialised in intellectual property and became a patent searcher and examiner at the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property. He joined the EPO in 2013 and is now involved in the maintenance and further development of the EPO's worldwide legal status database (INPADOC).