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## Assisted Patent Search for participants of >>venture>>

Do you have an innovative idea – and want to know how you can protect it?

Gain some insight together with a patent expert over the course of a day. First of all, the expert from your technical field will answer your questions all about protecting your innovations. Then together you will look at how new your idea or invention is by searching in various patent databases for similar or identical inventions. You determine the appropriate search terms and a suitable search strategy together with the expert. You can take home with you any matching patent documents and citations found, on a USB stick.

### The benefits for you

- You learn everything you always wanted to know about patent protection, for example, what your invention must have so that it can be patented, how various application procedures differ, what you should pay attention to following the granting of a patent and how you can also protect an invention without patenting it.
- You familiarise yourself with searches in patent databases.
- You get an initial overview of the prior art so you can evaluate whether your invention is new and if it is worth filing a patent for it.

### Where

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### How to apply

- Apply for the search at >>venture>> when setting up your project profile the first time or amending it later on.
- Fill out the online form including also the “additional questions” on the IPI homepage : <https://www.ige.ch/en/searches/patent-and-technology-information/assisted-search-for-research.html>
- Fix a date with a patent expert in your field from the IPI (you will receive a call or an e-mail).
- Conduct the search in Berne.

### Conditions

- An assisted patent search is open to you if you participate in >>venture>>, the Swiss-wide start-up competition that supports entrepreneurs in founding a company.
- The search must be for the benefit of the business plan project submitted to >>venture>>.
- We carry out the assisted patent search only in your presence. The search is up to one day (8 hours).
- All professional databases available to the IPI may be used according to their usefulness for your project.
- At the end of the day, you receive a search report signed by the patent expert and up to 50 matching patent citations free-of-charge as PDF files in electronic form on a USB stick.

### Please note

- Due to time limitations, we cannot carry out a complete search. If you require a freedom-to-operate search, we recommend that you request an in-depth search. You can find more information on this on our website at [www.ip-search.ch](http://www.ip-search.ch) .
- We practice complete confidentiality regarding all information exchanged between you and the IPI as well as concerning the search results.
- If you wish to file a patent for your invention following the patent search, we recommend that you involve a patent attorney. He will help you with the formulation of the application and the technical documentation. Both the results of the assisted patent search and our advice have no influence on the examination of your patent application.

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