



The ZfgE profile

The ZfgE at the TU Berlin is the first point of contact for all legal issues related to researching and developing technology. We patent inventions made at the TU Berlin and conclude research contracts with economic and research partners. We also engage in research into the field of technology and intellectual property law. With a range of competences, we support our inventors and scientists from patenting to marketing.

Our activities at a glance

■ Patenting

Processing of invention disclosure,
patenting process, patent management

■ Collaborations with industry, business and research institutions

Research contracts, licensing
of technologies, patent sale

■ Science in the field of technology and intellectual property law

Conferences and meetings, interdisciplinary
research, teaching and workshops

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patented inventions of the TU Berlin
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Patenting at the TU Berlin

Information for
researchers and students



The patent - Intellectual property protection

What are the benefits of patenting an invention?

A promising invention can significantly change the life of scientists. It is thus all the more important for inventors to make the idea economically viable and legally secure at the same time.

The most important reasons for patenting at a glance:

- Protection of the invention against unauthorized use by third parties
- Prerequisite for industrial product development
- Revenues from licensing and sales contracts
- Basis for starting a successful business
- Open Access: patents are released and are accessible worldwide
- Reputation for the inventors
- Important component in technology transfer between science and business

Did you know?

Patents are an important criterion for the relevance of research activities and an integral part in university rankings.

Patenting - The three phases at a glance

We support you - From the idea to marketing

As soon as an invention has matured and can be described in detail, the patenting of the idea follows.

01 Is a patent possible?

Duration: up to 4 months

Is there an invention? Is a patent possible? The ZfgE is on hand for all of these questions. Please feel free to contact us at ZfgE! This is followed by the submission of the disclosure of invention through a completed form and a personal consultation. It is very important that your invention is not published in any way yet. Strict confidentiality is imperative!

02 Patent application

Duration: 6 - 8 weeks

In this phase external patent attorneys take over the preparation of the patent application. The ZfgE coordinates the processes and correspondence. Strict confidentiality still applies!

03 Patenting process

Duration: 1 - 4 years

After registration the Patent Office examines whether a patent may be granted. The ZfgE takes over and oversees the payment of fees as required, meeting deadlines as well as managing the correspondence.

04 Exploitation

Duration: customized

After the patent application, the invention can be utilized and published. The ZfgE supports you in marketing, identifying industrial partners, contract negotiations as well as in establishing a company.

The ZfgE - Your companion to the patent

What are the benefits of working together with the ZfgE?

Patenting is a complex process. With its interdisciplinary orientation as well as commercial, legal and scientific expertise ZfgE advises inventors on their way to their own patent.

The most important reasons at a glance:

- Payment of the patenting process
- Inventors receive 30% of the revenue of a commercial patent exploitation
- The ZfgE advises, supports and accompanies the entire patenting process
- Assistance in finding suitable cooperation and exploitation partners
- Support in the continued development of the invention
- Patent management by ZfgE until the sale of the patent

Employee Invention Act

Employees of the TU Berlin are obliged to report their invention (§ 5 ArbNErfG). Students may report their invention voluntarily.