

From the invention to the patent



Frequently asked questions

1. What is a patent and what is it for?

A patent is an industrial property title that is granted by a state and gives its holder an exclusive right over the protected invention, so that he/she can act against third parties who copy, use, manufacture or sell products or processes protected by the patent without his/her consent.

2. Which area of the UB or the UB Group is responsible for advising or managing patents?

The Patents, Valorization and Licensing Area of the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation (FBG). The contact details are as follows: idea@fbg.ub.edu and +34934039970.

3. What should I do if I have some research results that I think it would be interesting to protect or transfer to society?

The first step is to fill in the [new invention form](#). You need to fill it in and sign it and then send it to idea@fbg.ub.edu. Once the Patents, Valorization and Licensing Area has received it, you will be assigned a manager, who will have a first meeting with the inventor(s) and/or a patent agent to receive advice. It is likely that several meetings will be necessary in order to evaluate the new invention from the point of view of its protection and commercial viability.

4. Who assumes the cost of patenting?

There is a Portfolio Committee formed by members of the Bosch i Gimpera Foundation and the University of Barcelona that decides whether to allocate economic and personnel resources to the protection of the invention and to the activities related to the commercialization and transfer of the invention.

5. Is making a patent compatible with making a publication?

Yes, but it is important to protect before publishing.

6. Once a patent application for a new invention is filed, who is in charge of marketing it to find potential licensees and negotiate its transfer?

If the Portfolio Committee allocates resources, the Patents, Valorization and Licensing Area of the FBG will be in charge of commercializing it, either with its own resources or through subcontracting external suppliers, with the support of the inventors.

7. If an invention is transferred to a company or entity and the University receives income, is this income shared among the inventors?

Yes, part of the net profits are shared among the inventors, the research group and the University of Barcelona, following the criteria established in the UB's own regulations, which can be [consulted here](#).

8. What are valorization grants?

Valorization grants allow technologies to mature in order to bring them closer to market requirements and facilitate their transfer through licensing to existing companies, the creation of new spin-offs or the provision of services by third parties.

Relevant documentation

- [New invention form](#)
- [Industrial and intellectual property regulations of the University of Barcelona](#)