Intellectual Property for Researchers Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Research and Data Analysis	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamentals of Intellectual Property (IP) in research contexts.
2. Identify patentable inventions and assess novelty and inventive step.
3. Navigate copyright laws for research publications and digital content.
4. Protect and manage trademarks and branding for research outputs.
5. Understand trade secrets and confidential information management.
6. Develop effective IP commercialization strategies.
7. Implement IP portfolio management techniques.
8. Evaluate licensing agreements and technology transfer opportunities.
9. Apply IP due diligence in collaborative research projects.
10. Leverage IP for funding, grants, and investor relations.
11. Address emerging IP challenges in AI, biotech, and digital content.
12. Draft IP policies for academic and research institutions.
13. Utilize IP analytics tools and patent databases to gain competitive insights.

Target Audience

1. Academic researchers and scientists
2. University faculty and research scholars
3. PhD and postgraduate students
4. R&D professionals in private and public sectors
5. Technology transfer officers
6. Startup founders and innovators
7. Legal professionals specializing in IP
8. Innovation and product development managers

Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Intellectual Property

- Overview of IP and its significance in research
- Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, Trade Secrets
- IP lifecycle in research and innovation
- Global IP frameworks and treaties
- Case Study: IP strategy of a leading biotech research institution

Module 2: Patents and Patent Law

- Basics of patents
- Patent filing procedures and international protection
- Patent infringement and enforcement
- Strategies for drafting patent applications
- Case Study: Patent portfolio management in AI-based startups

Module 3: Copyrights and Related Rights

- Copyright principles in academic publications
- Protection for software, data, and multimedia content
- Licensing and fair use in research
- Digital rights management strategies
- Case Study: Copyright disputes in scientific publishing

Module 4: Trademarks and Branding

- Trademark registration process and types
- Importance of branding in research commercialization
- Trademark enforcement and infringement cases
- Global trademark protection strategies
- Case Study: University spin-offs leveraging trademark branding

Module 5: Trade Secrets and Confidential Information

- Identifying and protecting trade secrets
- Non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) and confidentiality policies
- Risk management in research collaborations
- Legal remedies for trade secret misappropriation
- Case Study: Trade secret management in pharmaceutical research

Module 6: Licensing and Technology Transfer

- Types of IP licenses and agreements
- Structuring technology transfer deals
- Revenue-sharing models and royalties
- Negotiation strategies for licensing
- Case Study: Successful technology transfer from lab to industry

Module 7: IP Commercialization and Strategy

- Developing an IP commercialization roadmap
- Market analysis and competitive intelligence
- Startup IP strategies and investor pitching
- IP valuation methods and funding avenues
- Case Study: Commercialization of university-developed biotech products

Module 8: Emerging Trends and Challenges in IP

- AI-generated inventions and copyright implications
- IP in biotechnology, digital innovation, and IoT

- Open-source and collaborative research IP models
- IP risk management in international collaborations
- Case Study: IP challenges in global AI research partnerships

Training Methodology

This course employs a participatory and hands-on approach to ensure practical learning, including:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Group discussions and brainstorming sessions.
- Hands-on exercises using real-world datasets.
- Role-playing and scenario-based simulations.
- Analysis of case studies to bridge theory and practice.
- Peer-to-peer learning and networking.
- Expert-led Q&A sessions.
- Continuous feedback and personalized guidance.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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