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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CELL



IPR POLICY - SREC

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Services of IP Cell

1. Filing of Patents:

IP Cell supports patent searches on free databases, patent specification drafting, patent filings and related works through Patent attorneys.

2. Design / Product / Process Patents/ trade secret:

IP Cell carries out searching and filing of design / Product / Process Patents etc., for shape, configuration, pattern, composition of lines etc., applied to any products.

3. Trademarks:

IP Cell carries out trademark search and filing trademark applications for logo, symbol, design, image, sound, colour, slogan, smell, word, phrase or combination of these elements.

4. Copyrights:

IP Cell assists in copyright filing related to the original work of literary in form of books, lab manuals, process, products, software programs, etc.

5. Awareness Programme:

The IP Cell regularly conducts awareness programs to educate the importance of IPR for faculty, students and research scholars.

6. Basic knowledge on IPR and technology transfer:

The IP Cell facilitates basic knowledge on IPR through conduction of various programmes, one to one discussions during filing of patent, FER submission, hearing etc., and support the patent holders by connection patent holders to various forums for technology transfer, including identification of commercialization potential, industry linkage, licensing mechanisms (exclusive/non-exclusive), and support for startup and incubation activities based on institutional IP

7. IP Database and Digital Management:

The IP Cell maintains a centralized digital repository of all IP filings, granted patents, copyrights, trademarks, and designs. It also tracks the status of applications and ensures timely renewal and compliance

8. Funding and Scheme Facilitation: The IP Cell assists inventors in availing financial support through various government schemes and initiatives related to IP filing, reimbursement, and commercialization.

Objectives of SREC- IP Policy

The objectives of this IP policy are:

- Nurture and protect scientific research by fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and promoting IP literacy through dedicated training, seminars, and workshops for students and faculty.
- Provide comprehensive assistance in patent filing and IP protection while ensuring strict adherence to legal frameworks, ethical research standards, and institutional confidentiality.
- Facilitate technology transfer and revenue generation through licensing, startup incubation, and industry partnerships to transform research into market-ready products and processes.
- Build a robust innovation ecosystem that leverages government funding and schemes to deliver socially relevant technologies aligned with national priorities and international standards.

Ownership of IP

Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College shall be the owner, with the creators specially stated as inventors for all the intellectual property inventions, software designs and specimens created by the creators including faculty members, research scholars, students and those who make use of the resources of Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College.

If an IP has emerged as a result of an Institutional/Industrial consultancy, the concerned industry and Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College shall own the IP. This however will not apply to those IP that are covered under specific MoU's where the action shall be carried out as per the provisions of the MoU's. If the IP is a result of funds sponsored by an outside agency, then the IP will be shared between Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College and the sponsoring agency on case by case basis, as per MoU/Agreement/Undertaking between Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College and the outside agency.

A computer software may be patented, copyrighted, trademarked depending upon the IP content. A copyright software may be distributed for research and teaching purposes by its creator after obtaining appropriate undertaking to the effect that it will not be used for commercial purpose nor will it be transferred to any other party without explicit permission of Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College.

Internal Evaluation of IP

IP Cell will coordinate the activities of evaluating, protecting, licensing and managing the IP generated by Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College. Further, it shall provide guidance to all Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College personnel and facilitate protection and deployment of intellectual property issues of ownership, confidentiality, suitable advice from experts, disclosure, patentability and transfer.

An invention will be patented only if it has commercial value and viability for production and

marketing. A Patentability committee consisting of Patron/ Principal, Associate Dean – R&D, Head-IP Cell and other expert member/s to the extent required shall decide the commercial value and related aspects on case by case basis. The committee shall also act to the best of its knowledge to avoid scientific misconduct in research and developmental activities of Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College.

Publication Based on IP

For patentable IP, it is essential that the patent protection is filed before the publication or disclosure of it in any other form of public domain.

Patent Filing Process

Provisional patent application that may arise out of projects/research activities of Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College may be directly applied by the Creators/Inventors after obtaining formal permission from IP Cell.

Prior to filing, the inventors shall submit an Invention Disclosure Form (IDF) to the IP Cell for evaluation and approval. The inventors shall ensure that the invention is not disclosed in any form before filing the patent application.

Maintenance of Patents

For the inventions developed at Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College with inventors who wish to protect the invention, it is mandatory that the creator to disclose the creative work by using an Invention Disclosure Form (IDF) (Annexure 1 and also available in the SREC website).

The inventors shall assign the rights of the disclosed invention to Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College. All IP related information that is disclosed to Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College is confidential. Once the IPR is ensured, (published in the Journal of Indian Patent Office) the inventor/creator is encouraged to publish the work in the interest of general public.

Patent Fee

The IP Cell shall bear 100% of the Patent filing fee. Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College will pay the patent fees from filling to grant of patent. Continuation of payment of renewal fees beyond seven years shall be based on the commercial potential, licensing status, or strategic importance of the patent, as decided by the IP Cell.

If it is a joint patent with sponsoring agency, then the patenting cost will be equally shared.

Transfer of IP

Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College shall strive to identify potential licensee for the IP to which it has ownership. Generally creators are expected to assist the transfer of IP. Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College may contract any of the technology management agency which manages the commercialization of IP.

The transfer of IP shall be carried out through appropriate agreements such as licensing (exclusive or non-exclusive) or assignment, in accordance with applicable regulations of the Intellectual Property Office of India. The terms of transfer, including scope, duration, and financial considerations, shall be decided by the institution in consultation with the inventors.

Revenue Sharing

The revenue sharing arrangements are as detailed below:

60 % (sixty percent) of the total revenue (lump sum payment, royalty or any other form) accruing from the commercial exploitation of IP owned by Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College shall be credited to creators. 40% of the revenue shall be credited to Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College. **(to be decided by Principal sir)**

In case of two applicants the share between first and second inventor is in ration 75:25 wherein for multiple inventors, the creators' share shall be distributed among them as per mutually agreed proportions, proposed by the main applicant. Any expenses incurred towards patent filing, prosecution, maintenance, and commercialization may be recovered from the revenue prior to distribution, as per institutional policy.

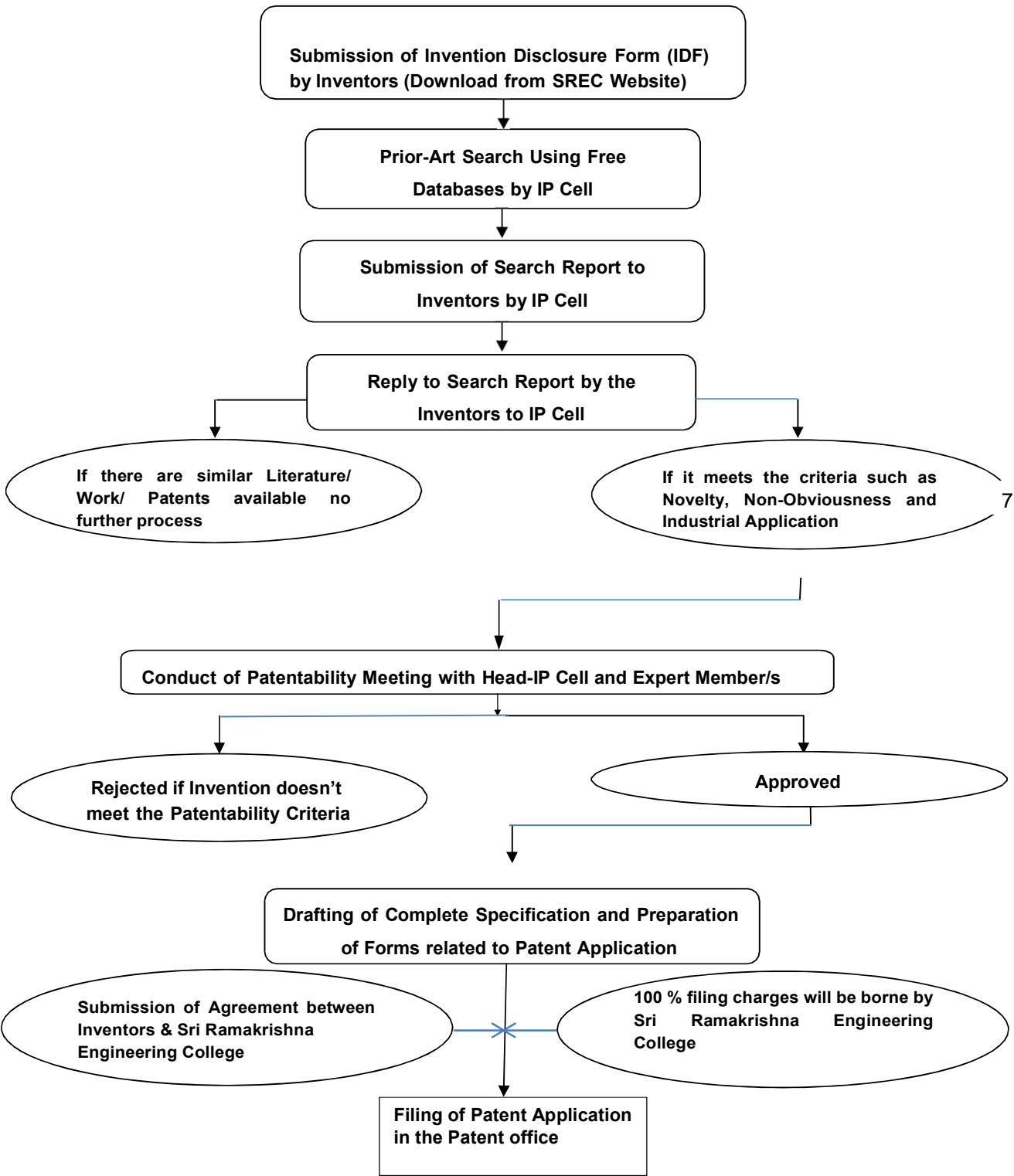
Copyrights

Ownership of the copyrights:

Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College shall be the owner of all copyright works including software and all connected teaching materials designed and developed by employees of Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College. The ownership of copyright by Sri Ramakrishna Engineering College will in no way deprive the claims of the creator/author to publish his/her contribution in a scholarly and intellectual way and they have authority to improve, publish and propagate their works.

Any commercial use, licensing, or transfer of such copyrighted work shall require prior approval from the institution. In case of collaborative work involving external agencies or sponsored projects, ownership shall be governed as per the terms of the respective agreement.

IP Filing Procedure



For further details

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