Student Patent Award

Application Guidelines

1. Purpose

1.1 To promote DEC 2.0 (Discovery-enriched Curriculum 2.0) as a way for our students to demonstrate their learning outcome of entrepreneurial skill set, this Award is designed to reward students for their successful filling of patent applications for their own inventions.

1.2 We believe that students have unprecedented opportunities to create new knowledge and come up with original creations, new inventions and discoveries to solve problems of today and tomorrow. Such new creations, inventions or discoveries can be protected as different types of "intellectual property" (IP). Click here to learn more about IP at CityU.

1.3 The Student Patent Award aims to:
   • stimulate students’ innovations which lead to the creation of IP;
   • encourage students to take their innovative ideas and intellectual work to the next level through patent registration and realize their dreams; and
   • protect the ownership and exploitation of IP developed by students, which has potential for commercialization.

2. Eligibility

2.1 All CityU students of UGC-funded programmes, except exchange students, who fulfill the below requirements, whether individual or teams, are eligible to apply for the Award.
   a) Successfully filed a patent application, excluding design patent, in any countries or territories during their study; and
   b) Must be the applicant AND one of the inventors of the filed patent application.

2.2 For each filed patent with more than one inventor, only one application for this Award shall be submitted to Knowledge Transfer Office (KTO) and only one award shall be given upon successful application of this Award.

3. Award

3.1 The Student Patent Award offers an award of up to HK$5,000\(^1\) to reward students at CityU for each successfully filed patent application on their own inventions.

4. Application Period and Procedures

4.1 Applications are open throughout the year and must be submitted to KTO for assessment and processing purposes. KTO will decide whether the applications should be approved and its decision will be final.

4.2 Applications will be submitted on a prescribed application form which is obtainable from the KTO website (www.cityu.edu.hk/kto). Completed application form together with required documents must be returned to KTO.

\(^1\) For each filed Hong Kong short-term patent or Chinese utility model, an award of HK$3,000 shall be given.
4.3 Applicant shall inform KTO immediately in writing of any changes of the submitted application.

4.4 KTO may meet with the applicant for further information if deemed necessary.

4.5 The applicant will be informed of the application result through email usually within six weeks after the acknowledgement of receiving a complete set of application.

5. Important Note

5.1 The approving authority of this award is the Director of Knowledge Transfer. KTO reserves the right to amend guidelines and the award amount at any time as appropriate without prior notice.

6. Enquiries

For further information, please contact Dr Sian Chan of Knowledge Transfer Office (Tel: 34426707; Email: cityuic@cityu.edu.hk).