

SUSTAINING MEMBER:

The Patent Center at Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University

Two years of inventions: From the research and invention to the patent and its successful marketing

There is growing awareness among policymakers that innovation is a key driver of economic growth, and that it can help in the search for solutions to global challenges. The capacity to innovate and to bring innovation successfully to market is likely to be a crucial factor in economic competitiveness over coming years.

As part of Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University's (PMU) mission along with ongoing commitment to solve real-world problems through research, the PMU strategy sets out a framework for how to support the researcher to be innovative and creative.

The Patent Center sparked enthusiasm in the university evidenced in the transformation of inventions into patents. PMU scientists reported approximately 57 inventions and submitted about 37 patent applications. This momentous beginning has initiated an avalanche of innovative design submissions by PMU faculty, where more patent submissions are under way.

As the Patent Center concerns itself with efficiently processing the faculty's patent disclosure forms and other complicated paperwork, the designers are free to focus on design specifics and construction of accompanying prototypes. To date, PMU has been issued/allowed 16 U.S. patents by the USPTO and the remaining are under consideration.

To encourage creative thinking and inquiry, the center began by conducting a number of faculty workshops highlighting available invention patent opportunities, providing resources to assist in idea development and fruition, and maintaining ongoing support of the center to actualize U.S. patent processing. More activities, workshops, seminars, and courses in collaboration with the National Association of Inventors (NAI) are underway. PMU, a sustaining member of the NAI, is committed to innovation.

Pioneering inventions to the PMU Patent Center are from different disciplines. In lieu of the two-year track of unexpected influx of patent idea submissions and acceptances, exponential growth is a realistic expectation.

The Patent Center at PMU is proud to announce that USPTO has granted/allowed 16 patents to PMU.

Finally, as part of PMU's dedication to being a leader in innovation and strengthening our ties and collaboration with NAI, the PMU Patent Center has arranged for more than 60 students and faculty members to take part in the NAI Intellectual Property Certification Course this summer.