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## INVENTOR AND BUSINESS START UP EVENTS

Stay informed about INVENTOR and SMALL BUSINESS Events available for you!

**02/11/2021**

### Innovators and Entrepreneurs: Learn about IP basics and helpful resources

Unfamiliar with patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets? Well, don't miss this opportunity to learn from USPTO experts about intellectual property (IP) basics and the ways you can protect your innovation as you transition from idea to product. The Midwest Regional USPTO offers this session for aspiring entrepreneurs, innovators, and students. The discussion will cover:

- An overview of intellectual property types: patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets,
- Why innovators and entrepreneurs should consider protecting their IP, and
- Local resources and assistance available through the USPTO and other agencies

Event Details **3:00 pm- 4:00 pm** **ONLINE**

**02/11/2021**

### Meet the USPTO Experts and Learn About New Inventor Programs!

The USPTO would like to introduce to you their new program, the National Council on Expanding American Innovation, aimed to increase opportunities to inventors who have faced certain challenges during the innovation process. This initiative aims to reduce income inequality and increase inclusion of more minorities, women, veterans, and other underrepresented groups. In this session, inventors will also be able to ask USPTO TOP Experts questions and provide public feedback and valuable input that will aid in addressing many of your immediate needs.

Event Details **4:05 pm- 5:30 pm** **ONLINE**

**02/19/2021**

### Learn about Washington Univ.'s Intellectual Property (IP) Legal Clinic's FREE Services for Inventors

The clinic participates in the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Through this program, community members may receive free legal services related to the filing and registration for different forms of intellectual property (IP).

Learn how to apply and receive IP counseling and services that include drafting documents protecting copyright, trademark, patent, and trade secret rights to help protect your ideas.

Event Details **3:00 pm- 4:30 pm** **ONLINE**

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### Wash U's FREE Entrepreneurial Legal Clinic Services for Entrepreneurs, Non-profits, and Inventors

The clinic handles a wide variety of matters for start-up and small businesses and non-profit organizations, with half of the students focusing on business/transactional matters and the other half focusing on intellectual property matters.

Students in this clinic provide legal assistance to clients in the following types of matters, among others:

- Forming business entities and assisting with tax structure
- Drafting documents governing the operations of an organization
- Drafting and negotiating commercial agreements
- Drafting contracts for business transactions involving intellectual property

Learn how to apply and what the clinic can do to help you start your business or devise documents and/or forms to conduct business.

Event Details **4:40 pm- 6:00 pm** **ONLINE**



**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY**

**02/24/2021**

### St. Louis University - FREE Patent Legal Assistance via USPTO Pro Bono Program

The Patent Pro Bono Program is a nationwide network of independently operated regional programs that match volunteer patent professionals with financially under-resourced inventors and small businesses for the purpose of securing patent protection. Inventors and small businesses that meet certain financial thresholds and other criteria may be eligible for free legal assistance in preparing and filing a patent application.

Event Details **3:00 pm- 4:30 pm** **ONLINE**

**02/24/2021**

### St. Louis University - FREE NSF Funding for Inventors

St. Louis University's NSF iCorp Program provides \$2,000 Grant Funding for entrepreneurs, home-based businesses, small businesses, non-profit orgs, and innovators during the research and development stages of their idea.

Event Details **4:35 pm- 5:30 pm** **ONLINE**

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