

Patent Search / Literature Review Assignment

The purpose of the Patent Search/Literature Review is to inform, provide appropriate research, and demonstrate continued progress towards the project goal. Make sure to include all copies of patents and articles found with your patent search/literature review assignment.

The Patent Search/Literature Review Assignment should contain the following information:

- Provide a list of sources used to search for patents/articles (include websites, libraries, contacts with those knowledgeable in patent searching, programs used, etc.)
- Provide a list of keywords used to search for patents/articles.
- Provide a list of patent classifications used to search for patents.
- Were you able to find any granted patents or patent applications that are the same as (or very similar to) your proposed product? How are the documents you found different from your proposed product?
- What scientific and trade literature already exists regarding your proposed product?
- Include a summary of the information you found and what other future work might be needed to make the patent search complete.

Patent Search Assignment Rubric

Categories	20	16	12	0	Total
List of sources used	All available sources were used	Several different sources were searched	Three or fewer sources were used	Only one source used	
Keywords & classifications searched	Extensive keywords and classifications searched	Multiple keywords searched, with synonyms; multiple classifications searched	Basic keywords searched; one classification searched	Only one keyword and/or one classification searched	
Items found that are the same as or similar to your product	No existing granted patents or patent applications found	Only expired patents and/or abandoned patent applications found	Granted patents and/or active patent applications found	Many granted patents, patent applications, and other pieces of prior art found	

Summary	Excellent, well thought out summary	Good summary including relevant information	Summary is not well organized or thought out	No summary	
Assignments turned in on time with advisors' signatures	Turned in at meeting with advisors' signatures	Turned in after the meeting with advisors' signatures	Turned in after the meeting with no advisors' signatures	Turned in late	
Total Points					/100

You must earn a 90% or better to continue in the competitions. You will be given one opportunity to redo this assignment if you do not earn a 90% or better. Even if you earn a 90% on this assignment you may be asked to redo a portion of this assignment to more accurately meet the rubric criteria. If you are asked to redo a portion of the assignment and it is not turned in by the due date set by the competition administrator your team may be eliminated from the competitions.

If your team has any questions regarding this assignment, please direct them to:

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