

PATENT SCIENTIST / PATENT ATTORNEY

Patent scientists (or patent attorneys) serve a unique role in large agricultural organizations that produce new products. Their responsibility is to evaluate patent validity on new products or services from both a legal and scientific perspective.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL I HAVE?

- Manage intellectual property matters relating to a company's products or creations
- Perform patent assessments and the drafting of patent applications
- Provide infringement opinions and help to develop patent strategies
- Prosecute patent applications and conduct opposition proceedings
- Evaluation and due diligence of patent licensing and acquisition opportunities
- Control and manage the allocated budget for patent portfolios
- Perform presentations and become involved in intellectual property review meetings
- Support business objectives and counseling inventors in line with areas of commercial focus
- Work closely with and advise scientific researchers, project managers, and heads of business units within the company
- Remain closely involved in negotiation agreements with third parties



WHAT EDUCATION & TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Master's or Doctorate degree in your field of work (biology, genetics, etc.) and experience in patent profession or legal training; Juris Doctorate (J.D.) recommended

THE FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED...

Agricultural education, business and computer courses, a focus on the sciences, and mathematics

TYPICAL EMPLOYERS

Large agricultural organizations and companies that are continually achieving discoveries and creating new products

FUTURE JOB MARKET/OUTLOOK



SUGGESTED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS

- National Association of Patent Practitioners
- American Intellectual Property Law Association

AVERAGE ANNUAL FULL-TIME SALARY

\$110,000