

Patent Starter Program - Additional Information

Google remains committed to finding useful and creative ways to help improve the patent landscape and has a history of supporting innovation and the startup community. To further these efforts, Google is offering eligible startups and developers the opportunity to join the Google Patent Starter Program. **Before making your decision to participate, we strongly encourage you to review this process with an attorney.** More details:

1. This program is only available to the first 50 eligible participants who sign-up by filling out [this](#) form and it is only open to **startups or developers having 2014 Revenues between US\$500,000 and US \$20,000,000.**
2. Participation in this program requires membership in the LOT Network. Interested parties can get more information on the LOT Network by going to its website, www.lotnet.com. The agreement can be found under the “How to Join LOT Network” tab. **Standard membership fees to join LOT will be waived for the 1st two years for participants in the Patent Starter Program**
3. Google, at our sole discretion, will determine assets that are eligible for divestiture.
4. Within 30 business days after participants fill out the form on our website (<http://www.google.com/patents/licensing>), Google will select the 3-5 patent families from which to choose. Once you fill out the sign-up form, assuming you appear eligible, we will show you a list of patent assets from which you will be able to pick; **only then** do you have decide if you want to go forward with the program and join the LOT Network. Google will require confirmation of the participant's License On Transfer (LOT) membership from the LOT Network and a signed divestiture agreement before assigning the selected 2 patent families.
5. Google will retain a broad, nonexclusive license to all divested assets.
6. Patents obtained through this program can only be used defensively. The divestiture agreement spells this out in more detail, but basically, we mean that you can't take these patents and just start suing someone; rather, if you are first sued by someone or your products are accused of infringement in a third-party litigation, then you'd be free to assert your Google-acquired patents counter-offensively.
7. Participants will be required to stay in the Patent Starter and (LOT) programs for a minimum of 2 years from the date of acceptance into the program. If they choose to exit prior to that, the 2 patent families received under this program will revert to Google.
8. Access to view Google's inorganic patent portfolio will be granted using a publicly available tool provided by a third-party. User rights have been paid for by Google at no cost to participants. Google *may* be willing to sell such assets, but each inquiry and discussion will be handled on a case-by-case basis (in other words, assets listed in this tool may not, in fact, necessarily be available to sale).
9. The email address you submit in the form will be used as the login to access the third-party tool.

10. Google reserves the right to not transact with any party for any reason (or for no reason whatsoever). Notably, this program is not open to any entities that are currently in litigation with Google or to entities we deem to be non-practicing entities.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out this email address

Patent-Starter-Program@google.com.

Please note, however, that under no circumstances can we provide you with any legal advice (and, as we stressed above, **please consult with an attorney before proceeding!**).