

Skill-Builders for Engineering Leaders

Intellectual Property (IP) Module

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Contact Hours	1 hour consisting of a 50-minute session	
Target Audience	Undergraduate and graduate students	
Learning Objectives	 Students will be able to learn: The definitions of and types of Intellectual Property The process of protecting intellectual property at a university and in a private company setting Why intellectual property protection is necessary and how it factors into the entrepreneurial strategy 	
Session Overview	This session covers the importance of Intellectual Property and the role it plays in innovation and entrepreneurship. It explores the different types of IP, explains the common misperceptions about IP and describes the process of obtaining patents and other forms of IP protection.	
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Key Content		Approach
Understanding IP and Technology Transfer		Discussion of intellectual property from the perspectives of the different stakeholders in the process including researchers, private companies and universities
Definition of a patent and patentability		This section explains in detail what a patent is and what it is not. What does patentability mean and why is it important for innovators to know these concepts?
Patents vs Other Forms of IP		 Discussion of the patenting process. Comparing forms of intellectual property and the similarities and differences between them Relevance and importance of patenting strategy. Use of intellectual property as a competitive advantage
Resources Provided • Presentation materials. Presentation materials include references to literature and articles.		Assessments • Pre and Post-assessment

