

Patent Attorney

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About the Role

Key Responsibilities

- Provide strategic intellectual property guidance to research and development teams, protecting inventions and reducing third-party risk.
- Build and steer patent portfolios aligned to scientific strategy, product milestones, and long-term value.
- Draft, file, prosecute, and maintain patent applications across United States and international jurisdictions.
- Provide opinions on patentability, validity, and freedom to operate to guide decisions.
- Shape publication and disclosure strategies balancing scientific visibility with robust protection and exclusivity options.
- Lead due diligence, risk evaluation, and mitigation for collaborations, licensing opportunities, and transactional projects.
- Partner with global colleagues and external counsel to deliver quality work on time and budget.

Essential Requirements:

- Juris Doctor with admission to a United States state bar and registration with the United States Patent Office.
- PhD in biology, biochemistry, or related life sciences such as molecular biology.
- Seven or more years experience as a patent attorney in a law firm or life sciences company.
- Strong scientific foundation, ideally including hands-on laboratory experience in biological sciences.
- Expertise in United States and Patent Cooperation Treaty filing and prosecution, with working knowledge of European practice.
- Excellent analytical, communication, and stakeholder partnering skills; able to influence, prioritize, and deliver accurate work.

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The salary for this position is expected to range between \$204,400 and \$379,600 per year. The final salary offered is determined based on factors like, but not limited to, relevant skills and experience, and upon joining Novartis will be reviewed periodically. Novartis may change the published salary range based on company and market factors. Your compensation will include a performance-based cash incentive and, depending on the level of the role, eligibility to be considered for annual equity awards. US-based eligible employees will receive a comprehensive benefits package that includes health, life and disability benefits, a 401(k) with company contribution and match, and a variety of other benefits. In addition, employees are eligible for a generous time off package including vacation, personal days, holidays and other leaves.

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Division

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Business Unit

Legal

Location

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Site

Cambridge (USA)

Company / Legal Entity

U175 (FCRS = US175) Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research, Inc.

Functional Area

FCT_LI

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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