# **Turning Ideas into Impact: The Inventor's Disclosure Process**



# Why this matters:

Your idea is valuable and protecting it is the first step toward turning it into real-world impact. The HBKU Intellectual Property Office will guide you from your first disclosure through to full IP protection, ensuring your rights are secure and your innovation is ready for commercialization to deliver meaningful impact.

### Your role as an inventor:

- Submit a complete and timely disclosure
- Stay engaged during review and decision phases
- Support technical input for patent drafting and office actions

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#### Phase A:

Invention Disclosure Form (IDF) Registration and IP Assessment



#### Phase B:

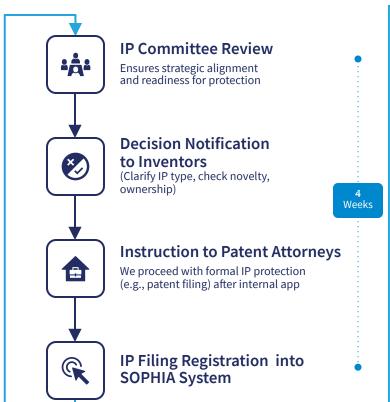
Protection Phase (Post-Assessment and Decision Making)



#### Phase C:

Provisional Filing, Conversion & Office Action management





### **Provisional Application Filing** (Initial submission to secure a priority date) 3-8 MONTHS **Review Progress and Commercial viability** (Progress report) 10-12 months **Conversion to Full Patent** (Check potential for patent protection) timelines varies **Monitor Office Actions & Respond** 12 (Align on strategy and next steps) **Ongoing Updates to Inventors ®**

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