

# Assisted Patent Search for the Promotion of Research and Innovation

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- You familiarise yourself with searches in patent databases.
- You get an initial overview of the prior art so you can evaluate whether your invention is new and if it is worth filing a patent for it.

### Where

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### Conditions

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Fee: CHF 300 including VAT (Status as per 1 January 2018\*)

## 1 Theme/Task/Field

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## 2 Scheduled date for the search (if already known)

Date

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Comments

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## 3 Applicant

Research institute or company/institute

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