

Preparing for Session 2 with your Mentor

# Understanding IP and Its Applicability to Your Invention

 1 HOUR

## Session Objective

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The objective of this session is to review the different types of IP rights, along with the considerations for their use, and to explore which types of IP rights may make sense for you to use and why.

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### Preparatory Work

- Conduct preliminary research to develop a fundamental understanding of the four IP rights that will be discussed in this session, namely patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets.
- For this assignment, you can use the WIPO IP Mentoring Program resources document that was shared at the start of the program.
- In addition, there are many websites that provide information about IP rights, including the site of your domestic or regional Patent Office and that of the World Intellectual Property Organization. The EPO and USPTO also have very good websites that provide this information.
- After you conduct your research, make a preliminary assessment of which IP rights might apply to your invention. Your mentor will help you sort through this analysis during the session.