Patent Application Costs and Timeline

**Timeline**

12 MONTHS TO OBTAIN DATA AND RESULTS

1-2 MONTHS PREPARATION

AT 18 MONTHS AFTER SUBMISSION

AT 2 - 4 YEARS

AT 3½-7 YEARS

3½ YEARS AFTER ISSUE

7½ YEARS AFTER ISSUE

11½ YEARS AFTER ISSUE

**Patent Filing**

(optional) USPTO Provisional Application (Utility must be filed or abandoned)

**USPTO Utility Application**

Invention publication on USPTO website
- Searchable
- Accessible to public

**Patent Examiner starts review and generates Office Actions**
*require responses or abandonment

**Patent Issue**

**Patent Maintenance Fees**
*requires payment or abandonment

**Approx. Cost**

$4-8,000

$5-12,000

$0

Each Response est. $3500

Issue Fee $2000

Approx. $490

Approx. $1240

Approx. $2055

Total Investment $18,000 - $30,000

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