

Al Khabeer Program for Technical Assistance Services

Industrial Development and Knowledge Transfer Office at Qatar Foundation main mission is to help drive IP, IP Commercialization, Industrial Development, and partnerships that enhance QF contributions to develop Qatar's innovation ecosystem towards knowledge-based economy.

One of IDKT initiatives is to help cultivate IP and innovation culture within Qatar. Al Khabeer Program for Technical Assistance Services which was launched in May 2015 aims to help local entrepreneurs and inventors, who are not covered under the QF IP Policy, to overcome IP challenges to commercialize their innovations.

Through collaborations with national organizations that offer innovation and entrepreneurship support programs, Al Khabeer is providing IP expertise and technical assistance services to clients serviced under these programs.

Objectives

1. To benefit from IDKT IP professional objective expertise.
2. To spread IP awareness and equip Entrepreneurs and Innovators with necessary IP basic knowledge, IP protection, and IP control tools.
3. To help build network of technical expertise.
4. To support the growth of technology based sectors and knowledge innovation hub in Qatar.

Core Offerings

1. IP Consultancy Services to meet business needs of clients.
2. Initial IP Protection to help inventors initialize their commercialization journey.
3. IP Awareness and IP Clinic sessions and workshops to educate inventors IP fundamentals and hot topics on IP protection and control.
4. Technical Expertise Services (*subject to availability*)

Eligibility

Al Khabeer is targeting Qatar based Innovation supporting organizations and initiatives to strengthen their offerings and fulfil the growing need for IP professional services.

Applications to the program are accepted based on selection and recommendation from the collaborated organizations only. By adopting this, we make sure that not only the applicant and the collaborated organization are getting quality technical assistance service, but also we make sure that all invested resources and efforts by Al Khabeer are utilized to the best level.

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FAQs about Al Khabeer

1. What is “Al Khabeer Program” and what does it offer to innovation-based entrepreneurs?

Al Khabeer is an intellectual property technical assistance program aims to provide services to local innovation-based entrepreneurs to help them overcome IP challenges they may face during their journey to commercialize their innovations.

The technical assistance services include: IP awareness and consultations, IP assessment, and initial IP registration.

2. How can I apply to Al Khabeer Program and what is the eligibility criteria to be accepted? Applications to the program are limited to referral basis as the program is mainly targeting local innovators and entrepreneurs who are benefiting from innovation support programs or services provided by national stakeholders, among them: Qatar Development Bank, Qatar Business Incubation Center, Qatar Science and Technology Park, Qatar Digital Incubation Center, Stars of Science ... etc.

Additional to this, applicant must own or co-own the innovation that is not covered under the QF IP Policy.

3. Can I apply for more than one innovation project at the same time?

To make sure as many innovation-based entrepreneurs are assisted through the program and based on fairness basis, we only accept one application per client in one time. It is upon stakeholder recommendation, however, more than one application per client is accepted if they see it as a necessary step.

4. My invention was reviewed by Al Khabeer program; however, it was not patentable at the first time, can I improve it and then apply again for a second IP review?

Yes, you can apply again and we will re-open the closed case for review again.

5. I’m a Tech-Entrepreneur and seeking QF financial sponsorship and legal representation for my innovation, does Al Khabeer program provide such services?

While we are always willing to assist tech entrepreneurs address their IP challenges through the technical assistance services of Al Khabeer, financial sponsorship services are out of scope of Al Khabeer program.

Additional to this and because cases referred to Al Khabeer are usually not covered under the QF IP Policy i.e. QF has no IP Ownership in it, they are not eligible to have QF legal representation.