**Seminar Title: PATENT BASICS FOR CHEMISTS AND BIOCHEMISTS**

Whether pursuing a career in industry or academia, chemists and biochemists of all disciplines will benefit from a basic knowledge or patent law. This seminar will introduce some key concepts, such as: *what is a patent?; what is inventorship/ownership?; what is the path from invention to international patents?; what constitutes a good patent?; and what are some patent strategies for different fields (e.g., tech vs pharma & big pharma vs startups)?* While many of the concepts apply generally, emphasis will be placed on their application in the pharmaceutical industry.

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