

U.S. Patent Application Costs and Timeline

Timeline	Patent Filing	Approximate Cost
12 months to obtain data and results	USPTO Provisional Application (Utility must be filed or abandoned)	\$500 - \$2,000
1 - 2 months preparation	USPTO Utility Application (Utility must be filed or abandoned)	\$8,000 - \$12,000
At 18 months after submission	Invention Publication on USPTO Website • Searchable • Accessible to the public	\$0
At 2 - 5 years	Patent Examiner Begins Review and Issues Office Actions • Requires response or abandonment	Each Response Estimated \$3,500
	Patent Issues	Issue Fee \$1,000
3.5 years after issuance		Approximately \$800
7.5 years after issuance	Patent Maintenance Fees • Requires payment or abandonment	Approximately \$1,800
11.5 years after issuance		Approximately \$3,700

Total Investment Over the Life of the Patent: \$18,000 - \$25,000