

## PTRC Annual Activities Report

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Georgia Tech PTRC

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The Georgia Tech Library joined the Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) in 1946. Lisha Li is the current PTRC representative.

Collaborating with the Eastern Regional Office of the USPTO, the Georgia Tech PTRC planned and hosted an IP webinar series in Summer 2021: USPTO Summer Series at Georgia Tech (<https://library.gatech.edu/USPTO>). It attracted people from both Georgia Tech and the public. The total number of participants were well over 600. The 10 webinars series covered various topics, such as: Learn how to draft patent claims, patenting apps and software, and how to protect your IP abroad. During the webinars, they actively interacted with experts from the USPTO for further discussions. The feedback from participants were very positive. Several librarians and library staff volunteered to moderate those online sessions to make them run smoothly.

Beginning Fall 2021, the library expert consultation rooms were reopened for the campus community, and we have met students and researchers in-person regarding patents since then. We continued providing virtual patent and trademark consultation to inventors and entrepreneurs from the public. Currently, we use BlueJeans software for online meetings and trainings but will switch to Zoom at the end of Spring 2022. A patent search station was dedicated in the new information consultation area in Feb. 2022. We run a short IP webinar series in Spring 2022.

The PTRC Representative was invited to Emory University School of Law to give a patent lecture to the TI:GER Program students in October 2021. She also provided a patent seminar to an ECE research methods course as a guest lecturer.

The patent librarian taught two one-credit courses on Introduction to Intellectual Property in Spring 2021 and Fall 2021 respectively.

Two information associates began to do on-the-job internship at Georgia Tech PTRC. They involved in multiple trainings on patents and trademark. They have also helped with projects, such as the Georgia Tech Patents SMARTech project, and teaching trademark classes.

With the pandemic situation improving, we anticipate an increase in in-house assistance in the coming year.