The essentiality of intellectual property and patents in the life science industry

In our knowledge economy, innovation is the driving factor behind the success of industry leaders. Intellectual property is the ownership of innovation, and is a primary preoccupation in the life science industry. The presentation will explain the various forms of intellectual property – patent, trademark, copyright, industrial design, trade secret – and how they are commonly used in life sciences.

Knowledge of the various forms of intellectual property and of the basics of the patenting system are skills that very few have, and may be key differentiators in the job market. Moreover, some fascinating job opportunities are available for scientists and engineers in the field of patents, whether it be as patent agents, in management of patents, or in technology licensing.