

IPGURU PROJECTS • THE FORGE METHOD

From a validated idea to a filing-ready patent.

A project takes one idea through FORGE: five phases, with a decision gate between each. A named crew researches, draws, drafts, and tests. You make every call.

Five phases, four gates

A named crew

Attorney-ready output



WORKED EXAMPLE • CONCEPT IMAGE

AquaCycle Shower: a closed-loop shower that recycles its own water and reuses its heat.

Five phases. Four gates.

You advance only when the evidence supports it.

F

FORGE • FOCUS MEMBER

Define the idea and the outcome

Your idea in your own words, the problem it solves and who it is for, and a first concept image to react to.



Nova • Kira

GATE Is the idea clear enough to research?

O

FORGE • OBSERVE PRO

Gather evidence and see what exists

The market and competitors, an early read on patentability, whether it can be built, and a first prior-art search.



Cora • Vega • Sean

GATE Is this worth building? This is where a project grade unlocks the later phases.

R

FORGE • REFINE

Strengthen what is useful and new

Concept images first, then the physical description, the application draft, the claims, technical diagrams, and alternative versions.



Kira • Remy • Sean • Iris

GATE Is it ready to be tested hard?

G

FORGE • GRADE

Test readiness, risk, and opportunity

A full prior-art search against your real claims, a patentability assessment, a mock examination, and the project scorecard.



Cora • Yuki • Noor • Sean

GATE Is it strong enough to file?

E

FORGE • EXECUTE

Turn decisions into deliverables

Final claims, a prior-art disclosure where the office requires one, the filing pack, a plain-English reading, and the attorney binder.



Remy • Iris • Noor



Done. The filing pack is assembled, ready for your patent attorney or for self-filing.

What a gate is

A short checkpoint between two phases. Not a wall.



A checklist

A few required items, shown plainly as “2 of 3 done”.



Your decision

Go forward, loop back for more work, or pivot. Never forced.



A readiness read

The project scorecard shows how ready you are to move on.

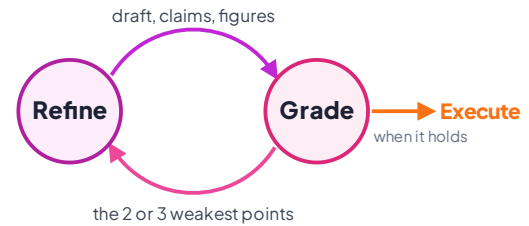


An override, with a reason

Override a soft gate and your reason is logged.

The Refine and Grade loop

Each pass hardens the invention.



Grade names the weakest points. Refine strengthens exactly those, with the right crew member on each. Grade tests again.

The crew on your project

You talk to Nova. The work happens around you, credited and cited.



Nova GUIDE

Leads the journey, coordinates the crew, and narrates each gate.



Cora RESEARCH

Researches the market and searches prior art, with sources.



Kira IMAGERY

Makes the concept images you react to and refine.



Vega COACH

Pressure-tests the idea, keeps momentum, and leads a PIVOT.



Sean AUTHOR

Reads the field and is lead author of your deliverables.



Iris PUBLISHING

Formats the documents and assembles the attorney binder.



Remy CLAIMS

Drafts the application and writes the claims.



Yuki EXAMINER

Runs a mock examination that attacks your claims.



Noor ADVISOR

Advises on filing strategy, route, and cost.

What you leave with

Every document is yours to review, accept, or send back for revision.

- ✓ **Concept images** and a physical description
- ✓ **The application draft**, claims, and technical diagrams
- ✓ **A prior-art search** across 250M+ patent records
- ✓ **A decision record** with the reasons for each gate
- ✓ **A patentability assessment** against the prior art
- ✓ **A mock examination** and the project scorecard
- ✓ **A plain-English reading** of your application
- ✓ **The attorney binder** and a filing pack in PDF and Word



One way to start

New project uses the same start as a brainstorm, or carries in an earlier one. It can begin by building the technical record.



Pivot, keep your work

If the evidence says the angle is wrong, the project is archived as a record and a new one starts from it. Your grade carries across.



Virtual Inventor

GOLD

Set a goal, such as clearing the mock examination. It iterates toward it, pauses when it needs you, and logs every step.

Validate free. Build once.

Brainstorms are free. Projects start at Member, with FORGE · Focus. The later phases unlock with a one-time grade for that one project, and the grade never renews.

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