Citing Patents

You will likely have the need to cite patents; exporting patent citations to a reference manager requires a little bit of extra thought and effort. The following table provides several examples of patent databases and their respective compatibility with various reference managers.

Database	Export to Reference Manager
The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (uspto.gov)	None
Google Patents provides additional tools to view and search patents: (patents.google.com)	to BiBTeX and EndNote (depending on view)
Free Patents Online: www.freepatentsonline.com	to BiBTeX and EndNote
Lens provides additional tools to view and search patents (patents are searched separately from "Scholarly Works") (lens.org)	RIS format that works well for import into various citation managers

If you import into your reference manager from one of these sites, the bibliography entry will have a citation to the database you are using, e.g. Google Patents. Since there are only a few fields required in a patent citation it may be more efficient for you to manually create an entry in your reference manager.

Example Creating a Patent Bibliography Entry:
    Patent Number: 10,597,639
    Date Patent Issued: March 24, 2020
    Title: "3D-printed scaffold device for cell transplantation "
    Inventors: Millman; Jeffrey (St. Louis, MO), Song; Jiwon (St. Louis, MO)
    Assignee: Washington University (St. Louis, MO, US)

Sample Bibliography Citations:
- IEEE Format
  - **Author Initial. Surname, "Title", Patent Number, Year Published.**
  - Jeffrey Millman and Jiwon Song, ''3D-printed scaffold device for cell transplantation'', US10597639, March 24, 2020.
- APA Style
  - **Author Surname, Author Initial. (Year Published). Title. Location.**
  - Millman, J and Song, J (2020). ''3D-printed scaffold device for cell transplantation''. St. Louis, MO.