UNIVERSITY RULE

17.0201.01.M1 Intellectual Property, Patents, Copyrights, Information Technology, Management and Classified Proprietary Research Commercialization

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Supplements System Policy 17.01 and System Regulation 17.02.02

Rule Statement

GENERAL

Texas A&M University supports the full and rapid dissemination of the creative and scholarly works of its faculty, staff, and students to provide timely benefits to the citizens of Texas A&M University and the State and the nation it serves.

Reason for Rule

This rule establishes the authority of the Vice President for Research in matters involving the university’s intellectual property interests consistent with System policy.

Definitions

The definitions for the terms below are set forth in System Policy 17.01 Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization:

Copyrightable Work
Intellectual Property
Invention
Tangible Research Property

Official Rule/Responsibilities/Process
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1.2. The process whereby Texas A&M University’s creative and scholarly works may be put to public use and/or commercial application (i.e., “technology transfer”) must be effected within the framework of an individual’s obligations to the University. Actions which serve personal interests to the detriment of University interests must be avoided.

1.3. Intellectual property typically results from the conduct of research projects. See Rule 15.01.01.M2: Administration of Research Projects, and section 12, Ownership of Program Results and Data under System Regulation 15.01.01: Administration of Sponsored Agreements - Research and Other.

2. INVENTIONS, PATENTS, LICENSING, AND COPYRIGHT POLICY

2.1. All University researchers/university employees have a duty to disclose any intellectual property, all Inventions, Copyrightable Work and Tangible Research Property that may be owned in part or in whole, by the System or by Texas A&M University, through the employee’s department head, dean, and the Texas A&M University Vice President for Research Services Office, to the System Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC). The OTC is the technology transfer agency of the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). The OTC licenses inventions, discoveries and other System-owned intellectual property to private industry for public benefit.

2.2. For Inventions, Copyrightable Work and Tangible Research Property resulting from projects supported entirely by another system member, disclosures will be made through the department head, dean and the system member CEO, or designee, to the OTC.
3. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEES

Consistent with System Policy 17.01, the president designates the vice president for research, or his or her designee, to serve as a university representative on the Intellectual Property Constituent Committee.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

System Policy 17.01 Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization
System Regulation 17.02.02 Technology-Mediated Instruction
University SAP 17.02.02.M0.02 Technology Mediated Materials and Instruction
University SAP 17.02.02.M1.01 Procedures for Technology Mediated Instructional Material