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Intellectual Property at The University of Melbourne

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University Intellectual Property Objectives

- The University of Melbourne seeks to foster a culture which supports knowledge creation, knowledge transfer and entrepreneurial endeavour
- The University manages intellectual property created as a result of its various activities in a manner that furthers its mission and benefits the wider community
 - To attract research investment and research collaborators
 - Encourage the use of innovative teaching and learning materials and technologies
 - Promote linkages with industry and other universities
 - Attract, reward and retain outstanding staff and students
 - Increase transfer of knowledge to business and society
 - Generate financial returns for the University and the creators of intellectual property

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“Delivering commercial outcomes for the University of Melbourne’s intellectual assets and capabilities”

Wholly owned subsidiary company of the University incorporating previous activities of Melbourne Ventures, Curriculum Licensing Services and Melbourne Consulting and Custom Programs

- Services Commercialisation Division: supporting the delivery of customised programs and consultancies
- Technology Commercialisation Division: identification and commercialisation of new technologies through licensing and start up company formation.

Ownership of Intellectual Property

- Staff
 - The University owns all intellectual property created by staff
 - This includes teaching materials created by staff
 - But does not include ‘Scholarly Works’ such as
 - articles,
 - books,
 - musical compositions and
 - creative writing

Ownership of Intellectual Property

- Students
 - The University has no rights to IP developed by students
 - Students often work on team-based projects such as CRCs
 - Most inventions are created by more than one person
 - Agreements are often in place to determine IP ownership of the project outcomes

Rewards for Creators

- The University's view is that creators of valuable IP should be eligible for reward.
 - The University and Faculty receive a share of the funds in acknowledgement of their role in supporting the development, protection and commercialisation of the IP
 - All creators of IP should share equitable in the returns in accordance with the contribution they have made to the IP
 - University = 20%
 - Faculty = 40%
 - Creators = 40%

Capturing Intellectual Property

- Protection and commercialisation of IP depends on early identification and protection of that IP
 - This requires careful monitoring of the progress of research and project outcomes
 - All researchers should
 - review their research activities regularly,
 - keep detailed project and research records and
 - disclose new IP with commercial value to the University
 - **Public disclosure or publication prior to seeking patent protection may dramatically reduce the patentability and commercial value**

I.P. Disclosure

All staff, honorary appointees, visitors and student creators of Intellectual Property have a duty to disclose inventions with potential commercial value, or where required by a third party agreement.

- What is Invention Disclosure?
 - a process whereby standard IP information is collected to help record and assess I.P. within the University.
- What is disclosed?
 - A brief description of the invention and dates of proposed publication
- Why do we need it?
 - To facilitate the management of I.P.
 - To determine I.P. protection needs
 - For assessment of commercial potential
 - To obtain financial support for patenting
 - Legal compliance with funding conditions
 - To enable the University to meet its reporting obligations

Submitting an I.P. Disclosure

Themis Login >

IP Disclosure

Intellectual Property (IP) Disclosure

The screenshot shows the THEMIS IP Disclosure web application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Ethics, Grants & Contracts, Schedules, Reporting, Researcher Profile, IP Disclosure (selected), and Publications. Below the navigation bar, the page title is "Intellectual Property (IP) Disclosure" and the status is "Information". The main content area is titled "IP Disclosure (Part A)" and includes a "Save Draft" button, a "Cancel" button, and a "Submit" button. A table lists the disclosure details:

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- IP Disclosure (Part A)**: A section with a "Title" field and a "Brief Description" field.
- Principal Contact Contributor (PCC)**: A section with a "Full Name" field and a "Position" field. The position field includes sub-fields for Department, Work Phone, and Work Email.
- Public Disclosures**: A section at the bottom of the form.

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Maintaining a Laboratory Notebook

- A well maintained laboratory notebook provides:
 - a complete record of laboratory work which can be understood and repeated by yourself and others
 - a reliable reference for writing up materials and methods and results
 - evidence of compliance with funding or contractual agreements and with regulatory requirements
 - Evidence to establish inventorship ie. who is an inventor?
 - Evidence to establish the date of invention

Further Information

Intellectual Property Statute

<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/Statutes/s141.html>

Intellectual Property Principles

<http://policy.unimelb.edu.au/UOM0464>

Policy on the Management of Research Data and Records

<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/records/research.html>

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