

POLICY 7.16 – Intellectual Property

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Subject:	Intellectual Property
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Related Procedures:	Procedures for Commercialization of Intellectual Property
Related University Policies:	
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I PURPOSE

1. The University recognizes as a fundamental principle that it should maintain complete freedom of research and unrestricted dissemination of information. Research done solely in anticipation of profit is incompatible with the aims of the University.

Nevertheless, the University recognizes that in the course of its research activities, ideas or processes may be developed on which, in the public interest, dissemination may best be achieved through the protection of Intellectual Property rights and the commercial development of those rights. The University and the Creator have a responsibility to promote the effective development and utilization of such discoveries, and to ensure that they will not be restricted in their use in a way that is detrimental to the public interest.

II APPLICATION

1. This policy forms a broad, general basis for the conduct of all matters pertaining to Intellectual Property within The University of Western Ontario's (University) activities and functions. As such, it applies to all University faculty, lib2 (y)16. t ing ons.1 (h,)-11.2 (ar)--8 (uc)-815 (ni)-8.9 (i.1 (,) Tc60.00-) T

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5. Those Members involved in collaborative work or research with other Members (whether student, faculty, librarian, archivist or staff) that may result in the creation of Intellectual Property should take reasonable steps to ensure that all parties to the collaboration are aware of and agree to a methodology for determining ownership.
6. Any owner of Intellectual Property to which this Policy applies who wishes to exploit their Intellectual Property for commercial gain shall make full and complete disclosure to the University by submitting a report of innovation to WORLDiscoveries without unreasonable delay. The forms for the report of innovation can be obtained from:
[http://worlddiscoveries.ca/files/sites/roi \(di\)3.1 \(s\)-8n.7 \(m\)-24.4 \(b06j EMC - Tc 0.001 Tw 2.843157 Td.337\)-1.1 \(](http://worlddiscoveries.ca/files/sites/roi%203.1%20(s)-8n.7%20(m)-24.4%20(b06j%20EMC%20-%20Tc%200.001%20Tw%202.843157%20Td.337)-1.1%20(1).docx)