

UNIVERSITY RULE

17.02.01.M1 Intellectual Property, Patents, Copyrights, Information Technology, and Classified Proprietary Research

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Supplements [System Policy 17.01](#) and [System Regulation 17.02.02](#)

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Texas A&M University supports the full and rapid dissemination of the creative and scholarly works of its faculty, staff, and students in order to provide timely benefits to the citizens of the State and the nation.
- 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.M3: Research Administration](#), and section 1.1, Ownership of Program Results and Data under [System Regulation 15.01.01: Administration of Sponsored Research Agreements](#).

2. INVENTIONS, PATENTS, LICENSING, AND COPYRIGHT POLICY

- 2.1. All University researchers have a duty to disclose any intellectual property through their department head, dean, and the Office of Sponsored Projects, to the System Technology Licensing Office (TLO). The TLO is the technology transfer agency of the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS). The TLO licenses inventions, discoveries and other System-owned intellectual property to private industry for public benefit.

OFFICE OF RESPONSIBILITY: [Office of the Vice President for Research](#)

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