



**POLICY STATEMENT 59  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

**POLICY DIGEST**

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**I. INTRODUCTION FOR LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT EUNICE FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS**

It is the responsibility of each member of the faculty, staff, and student body at Louisiana State University at Eunice to be familiar with the LSU policies that pertain to intellectual property. These policies are set forth in the most current edition of the Regulations and the Permanent Memoranda of the Board of Supervisors of LSU. The following documents are especially relevant:

- A. Intellectual Property [Article VII of The Rules and Regulations of the LSU Board of Supervisors](#)
- B. [LSU PM 11](#): Outside Employment of University Employees
- C. [LSU PM 15](#): Copyright Guidelines Regarding Electronic Learning
- D. [LSU PM 67](#): Contracts Between the University and Its Faculty Members

In general, it is the responsibility of each LSU Eunice employee and student to disclose any creation that has potential commercial value. This requirement can be met by completing a Technology Disclosure Form, which is then submitted to the appropriate supervisor. Submission of the completed Technology Disclosure Form will satisfy item A of the LSU Eunice Employee Invention and Proprietary Information Agreement. Completed forms will be retained in the Business Office.

**II. PURPOSE**

All research conducted at LSU and LSU at Eunice has the potential for generating, in addition to scholarship, potentially valuable intellectual property including but not limited to patentable technology, copyrightable materials (e.g., software), specialized know-how, or research products of a unique or proprietary nature (microbial cultures, monoclonal antibodies, etc.).

When this intellectual property is expected and generated in the course of research carried out under projects sponsored and funded by outside entities, it is necessary to define (usually as part of the sponsored agreement) what rights to intellectual property, if any, will accrue to the sponsor.

40 This policy outlines the rationale for university sponsored research agreement standards and  
41 defines the acceptable limits for various sponsor categories.

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43 The principal purposes of carrying out research at the university are:

44 A. to expand human knowledge

45 B. to place and maintain faculty at the leading edge of their field of endeavor and thus  
46 enhance their teaching capabilities

47 C. to increase the stature and reputation of the faculty and help in attracting quality faculty

48 D. to increase the stature and reputation of the university and help in attracting quality  
49 students

50 It is also an integral part of the university's mission to give the results of research the widest  
51 possible dissemination and, if indicated, the broadest feasible utilization by the public.

### 52 **III. DEFINITIONS**

53 For the purpose of this policy, sponsors are divided into the following groups:

54 Governmental Agency: federal, state, and local government entities. The principal aims of a  
55 governmental agency are to achieve national goals, promote economic development, fulfill  
56 mandated missions, and resolve specific in-house problems.

57 Common Interest Association: entities (non-profit) representing groups having commonalities of  
58 interest (potato growers associations, library councils, poultry growers' societies, gas research  
59 institutes, electric power institutes, etc.). The principal aim of a common interest association is  
60 usually to generate useful information for its membership.

61 Private Sector Company: for-profit entities or other non-governmental entities. The principal aim  
62 of a private sector company is to return profits to its ownership by gaining a competitive  
63 advantage through world class research and development.

64 For clarity, terms referred to in the singular are also applicable in the plural.

### 65 **IV. GENERAL POLICY**

66 A. LSU holds all right, title, and interest to all university intellectual property in all countries,  
67 as defined in [Article VII of the Regulations of the LSU Board of Supervisors](#).

68 B. Governmental agency agreements may grant to the sponsoring agency a non-exclusive,  
69 non-transferable, royalty-free license in accordance with applicable federal laws.

70 C. Common interest association agreements may grant to the sponsor a portion of the  
71 university royalties that are a direct result of the intellectual property resulting from the  
72 agreement. The grantor and its member institutions shall have no other intellectual  
73 property rights or claim to further revenue sharing.

74 D. Private sector company agreements may grant to the sponsor an exclusive right, for a

75 limited period of time, to negotiate with the university for a royalty-bearing license under  
76 inventions that may result from the funded research, under mutually agreeable terms.

## 77 **V. PROCEDURES**

78 A. The [LSU Office of Sponsored Programs](#) (OSP) will review sponsored agreement terms  
79 for compliance with [Article VII of the Regulations of the LSU Board of Supervisors](#), and  
80 the limits of intellectual property sharing herein.

81 B. Sponsored agreements which include non-standard terms related to assignment or  
82 ownership of university intellectual property will be forwarded to the [LSU Office of](#)  
83 [Innovation & Technology Commercialization](#) (ITC).

84 C. ITC will review non-standard terms and ensure conformance with applicable federal and  
85 state laws and university policies.

86 D. Exceptions to this policy will be determined by ITC, OSP and the Vice President for  
87 [Research & Economic Development](#) in consultation with other LSU officials, as  
88 necessary or appropriate.

## 89 **VI. SOURCES**

90 [Article VII of the Regulations of the LSU Board of Supervisors](#)