What is intellectual property (IP)?
IP is the “tangible or intangible results of research, development, teaching, or other intellectual activity.” In other words, IP is any innovation or discovery conceived or developed by faculty, staff, or students using University resources, which is broadly defined as all use of employee or student time, equipment, supplies, or facilities and clinical practice. The University has the right to own all IP defined as such.

What do you do if you have an idea?
It is the responsibility of each faculty member, staff member, and student who develops IP to report it to the Intellectual Property Committee by completing the online disclosure form at https://uky.ttoportal.com.

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- IPC decision letter

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- Sponsored Agreements, including Clinical Trial Agreements
- Conflicts of interest

Royalty Sharing
The University licenses its intellectual property to large businesses and University startup companies. If the University receives royalties from licensing, those royalties are shared pursuant to UK Administrative Regulation 7:6 Section VII. This regulation states that net calendar year royalty or license income derived from commercialization of University intellectual property shall be shared as follows:
- 40% to the originator
- 20% to the originator’s department or immediate administrative unit
- 20% to the dean of the originator’s college
- 20% to University of Kentucky Research Foundation

Where more than one individual is considered the originator, such persons will determine among themselves the individual share each will receive.

For more information, including FAQs, go to www.research.uky.edu/ip/index.html.
Inventor discloses the invention to UK via [www.uky.ttoportal.com](http://www.uky.ttoportal.com)

**Internal post-disclosure activities**
1. IPDO Director determines if a commercialization assessment is needed
2. IPC Chair schedules inventor’s IPC presentation date & time

Inventor presents disclosure at IPC meeting and IPC renders one of three decisions.

- **UK pursues appropriate protection for the invention**
- **Invention is released to the inventor**
- **Inventor should conduct additional research**

**UK pursues appropriate protection for the invention**

- **Pursue patent protection**
- **Copyright vests at the moment the work is created**
- **Maintain invention as a trade secret**

- **(optional) Requests patentability opinion from attorney**
- **(optional) Files provisional patent application**

- **Files utility patent application**
  - approx. 3 months
  - positive opinion
  - negative opinion

**Patent prosecution**

- **IPDO, inventor, and patent attorney communicate with the US Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)**
- **18 months – 5 years (controlled by USPTO)**
- **Patent is granted**
- **Patent is abandoned**

*Release must be in accordance with the terms of the applicable grant or funding agreement*

Contact information for each step in this process is on the previous page.