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Momentum remains high for moving University of Kentucky (UK) innovations to market, as commercialization activity once again set new record highs for inventions (104), patents filed (85), and licenses executed (30). Patent Palooza! grew in attendance by 10%. With this core activity growth, and through a number of new programs and initiatives launched to sustain this activity and serve the ideas generated, we continue to demonstrate one of our new favorite OTC-isms related to innovation in our community: “There is more than you think, and there will be more than there is.”

Serve the Idea: This was a theme in FY 19. With every discussion, decision, and action, we want to make sure that we are serving the idea – the technology - first. To do this, we needed to continue to expand our services. We built an OTC New Ventures team to better serve our startups and support the Lexington entrepreneurship ecosystem. We created greater effectiveness in our tasks and responsiveness to our innovators and administrators, by building or adopting tools and processes to execute MTAs and NDAs faster, to monitor our pipeline of technologies better, to show administrators trends in a college’s commercialization activity more transparently, and to introduce our technologies to commercialization partners more creatively.

We developed new partnerships with the UK Alumni Association and UK Philanthropy to execute the inaugural UK Entrepreneur Showcase, and with the University of Louisville and the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development to create a new statewide program offering shared technology transfer services to every public university and college in the state. Seeing the value in developing regional networks, we brought 30 universities together and led the launch of a program and two regional platforms (Southeast and Midwest), Executives-on-Roster (XOR), to help our startups team-build by finding and matching with experienced entrepreneurs and executive leaders in other networks. We also launched the UK Women Innovators Network (UKWIN) with our first inaugural conference. Additionally, we completed Phase I of the NIGMS IDeA Hub grant for the Southeast IDeA region, where UK OTC is leading a network of 24 universities to build new solutions to educate inventors and accelerate biomedical innovation to market.

We recognize fully that we could have done none of the above without the support of President Eli Capilouto and Vice President for Research Lisa Cassis, firstly, and many other partners, stakeholders, and innovators. We thank all of our supporters, and we hope that you are as excited as we are about the innovation culture on this campus and in this community.

Sincerely,

IAN D. MCCLURE
Executive Director, OTC

“For more than 150 years, the University of Kentucky has played a leading role in developing technology that fuels the economy and improves the health and well-being of those we serve. UK faculty and staff entrepreneurs are building upon a legacy of new ideas, technologies, and inventions manifest in UK’s more than 600 patent assets deployed around the world. UK Research and the Office of Technology Commercialization are integral elements of our commercialization and innovation pipeline; these efforts are fundamental to our role as the University of, for, and with Kentucky.”

ELI CAPILOUTO
University of Kentucky President

“The Office of Technology Commercialization’s work to promote innovation and discovery by bringing together university, industry, entrepreneurs and business leaders, and their success in securing federal funding to boost these partnerships and accelerate innovation, is a testament to UK’s commitment to improve lives in Kentucky and beyond.”

LISA CASSIS, Ph.D.
Vice President for Research
ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**SABRINA DARNELL:** Became a member of the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) Finance Committee, Agreement Compliance Course, Compliance Course, and TOOLS Course.

**JACQUI GREENE:** Voted to the UK Women’s Forum Board for a one-year term and selected for the Association of University Technology Manager (AUTM) website committee.

**NATASHA JONES:** Appointed to the Certified Licensing Professionals (CLP) Exam Development and Maintenance committee.

**IAN MCCLURE:** Promoted to executive director, voted to the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) Board of Directors for a three-year term, and identified as one of the world’s leading IP strategists in the 2019 edition of IAM Strategy 300.

**TAUNYA PHILLIPS:** Promoted to senior associate director, New Ventures & Alliances, appointed to the Midwest Research University Network (MRUN) Board of Directors, and selected president-elect of the University of Kentucky (UK) Alumni Association and received a UK staff award.
2019 FISCAL YEAR IN REVIEW

85
Patent applications filed

104
Invention disclosures

30
New licenses and options executed

$5.61 million
distributed to inventors since 2010

$15.72 million
distributed to college and departments since 2010

$2,356,523
Gross royalty income in FY2019

26
Patents issued
### Milestones

#### August 2018
- Launch of the Midwest XOR and Southeast XOR Platforms (page 11)
- Organized and co-hosted the state’s first Commonwealth Commercialization Summit with Presidents and administrative leadership from all public colleges and universities in Kentucky

#### October 2018
- Received National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) IDeA Technology Transfer Hub grant (nearly $500,000 for Phase I) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) (page 11)
- Inaugural UK Women Innovators Network (UKWIN) conference was held

#### November 2018
- Received Regional Innovation for Startups and Entrepreneurs (RISE) grant ($400,000) (page 12)

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DECEMBER 2018
- Led the development of a Commonwealth Commercialization Center (C3) partnership with UofL and KY CED (page 12)

MARCH 2019
- Implemented an Intellectual Property (IP) Training Video and Agreement regarding Bayh-Dole changes
- Inaugural UK Entrepreneur Showcase in partnership with UK Alumni Association and UK Philanthropy held
- Hosted third annual Patent Palooza with record attendance

JUNE 2019
- Hosted OVALS conference bringing together alumni, commercialization and philanthropy (page 11)

ON THE HORIZON
- Launch of the CATalyst Fund, a proof-of-concept fund to help de-risk early stage UK technologies
- Launch of Mentors-in-Residence (MIR) Program matching subject matter experts with faculty innovators
- Launch of the Startup License Program (SLP)
- New Services for Intellectual Property (IP) Development with hiring of new Senior Associate Director
- REACH grant (KYNCETIC)

538 MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENTS
449 NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS
73 DATA USE AGREEMENTS

AGREEMENTS
STARTUPS

68

TOTAL ACTIVE STARTUPS
RELATED TO UK TECHNOLOGY

4

UK STARTUP COMPANIES
LICENSED IN FISCAL YEAR 2019

- Advanced Semiconductor Processing Technology, LLC
- Bluegrass Advanced Materials, LLC
- Carbon Science Solutions
- ExoNanoRNA, LLC

UK STARTUP COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN OTC ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMS

- AMdx – Florin Despa (College of Medicine)
- Cellie Coping Kit – Meghan Marsac (UK HealthCare)
- PlateLast – Zhenyu Li (College of Medicine)
- Wild Dog Physics, LLC – Janelle Molloy (College of Medicine)

UK STARTUP COMPANIES THAT RECEIVED SBIR/STTR FUNDING IN FY 2019

- Enepret Incorporated – Joseph Chappell (College of Pharmacy)
- Naprogenix Inc – John Littleton (College of Arts & Sciences)
- Lepidext, LLC – Angelika Fath-Goodin (formerly College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)
- W-Z Biotech, LLC – Dongfang Wang (College of Medicine)

STARTUP COMPANY SPOTLIGHTS

CARBON SCIENCE SOLUTIONS (CSS)

Carbon Science Solutions (CSS) is utilizing a University of Kentucky patented process to take bourbon stillage and produce high-quality activated carbons. CSS produces high-quality engineered carbon materials. These materials can be used in the environmental, energy and electronics markets.

WILD DOG PHYSICS, LLC

Founded by the College of Medicine’s Janelle Molloy, Wild Dog Physics, LLC is changing the approach to cancer care through a Quality Assurance (QA) Device. The QA Device is being developed to provide more precise and efficient cancer care by overcoming some of the challenges in providing high-level cancer care.
NEW LICENSES AND OPTIONS FY 2015 – FY 2019

INCREASE OVER LAST FIVE YEARS: 650%
LICENSE AGREEMENTS THAT GENERATED INCOME IN FY 2019: 35

LICENSES AND OPTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

22ND CENTURY GROUP, INC
Orlando Chambers (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)
Robert D. Miller (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)

ADVANCED SEMICONDUCTOR PROCESSING TECHNOLOGY, LLC
Zhi David Chen (College of Engineering)
Ibrahim Yucedag (formerly College of Engineering)

ALKAHEST (2)
Jayakrishna Ambati (formerly College of Medicine)

ALTRIA CLIENT SERVICES, LLC
Orlando Chambers (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)
Robert D. Miller (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)

APPLIED BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS, INC
Chongsuk Ryou (formerly College of Arts & Sciences)

AVAST THERAPEUTICS, LLC (2)
Luke Bradley (College of Medicine)
Don Gash (College of Medicine)
Greg Gerhardt (College of Medicine)

BLUEGRASS ADVANCED MATERIALS, LLC
Thomas Dziubla (College of Engineering)
James (Zach) Hilt (College of Engineering)

CARBON SCIENCE SOLUTIONS, LLC (2)
Stephen M. Lipka (formerly Center for Applied Energy Research)
Christopher R. Swartz (formerly Center for Applied Energy Research)

CIRCLE THE GLOBE PRODUCTIONS, INC. (2)
James Griffioen (College of Engineering)
Seth Parker (College of Engineering)

COSMOCEL, S.A.
Douglas Archbold (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)
Marta Nosarzewski (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)

CURIOSITYSTREAM, LLC
James Griffioen (College of Engineering)
Seth Parker (College of Engineering)

EXONANORNA, LLC
Mehdi Rajabi (formerly College of Pharmacy)
Yi Shu (formerly College of Pharmacy)

FLOW MAX, LLC
Todor Petrov (formerly College of Engineering)
Andrzej Wala (formerly College of Engineering)

HERA BIOLABS
B. Mark Evers (College of Medicine)

KENTUCKY SPECIALTY GRAINS, LLC
David Hildebrand (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)
Timothy Phillips (College of Agriculture, Food and Environment)

KERAFAST, INC (2)
Gregory Graf (College of Pharmacy)
Louis Hersh (College of Medicine)

PANGLOSS FILMS, LLC
James Griffioen (College of Engineering)
Seth Parker (College of Engineering)

SHARP HEALTHCARE
Nora Warshawsky (formerly College of Nursing)

TONIX PHARMACEUTICALS HOLDING CORP.
Chang-Guo Zhan (College of Pharmacy)

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
Nora Warshawsky (formerly College of Nursing)

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
Nora Warshawsky (formerly College of Nursing)

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
Nora Warshawsky (formerly College of Nursing)
Anticancer Drug
Chang-Guo Zhan, professor in the College of Pharmacy, and Kyung Bo Kim, associate professor in the College of Pharmacy, discovered a novel pyrazole scaffold compound that targets the active site of proteasomes. The lead compound, G4-1, was also shown to be greatly effective in suppressing tumor growth in models of prostate cancer. The drug shows potential to work well in cases where patients have developed resistance to current front-line therapy for multiple myeloma. The backbone design assists in reducing the risk of drug resistance.

Imaging Device for Guidance of Brain Tumor Surgery
Guoqiang Yu, professor in the College of Engineering, Thomas Pittman, professor in the College of Medicine, and Chong Huang, assistant professor in the College of Engineering, developed a wearable, all-in-one fluorescence imaging device to assist with brain tumor surgery. This device, known as the F.Loupe, is much easier to align, maintain and use compared to the large microscope currently being used. The F.Loupe provides personalized medicine and reduces disability and death.

Novel Bone Biopsy Device
Madhumathi Rao, associate professor in the College of Medicine, Florence Lima, assistant professor in the College of Medicine, and Clay Larkin, student in the College of Engineering, developed a designated bone biopsy sampling needle for metabolic bone diseases. The needle uses proprietary cutting-edge design and the three-part design provides ease of use. Using this device minimizes tissue damage and preserves the microarchitecture of samples. It is a power-driven device that reduces complications and pain for patients.

Enhanced Recovery of Critical Materials from Coal-Based Sources
Rick Honaker, professor in the College of Engineering, and Joshua Werner, assistant professor in the College of Engineering, have developed inventions that tackle the issue of putting coal mining waste products to work. They are developing methods to extract from the waste many high-value rare earth metals.
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EXECUTIVES-ON-ROSTER (XOR) PROGRAM
The University of Kentucky (UK) through the leadership of OTC launched the Southeast and the Midwest Executives-on-Roster (XOR) platforms and programs. The Southeast XOR partners 14 Southeastern Conference (SEC) universities and the Midwest XOR partners 13 Midwest universities to broaden access to experienced entrepreneurial talent and to match that talent to university-affiliated startups in need of executive management.

The program had its first successful match in May 2019 between Lexington-community startup Smart Rotation and entrepreneur Michelle Klumb.

REGIONAL BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ACCELERATOR HUB
UK, lead academic institution, regional partners and XerateHealth partnered together through a grant awarded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) to develop a regional biomedical technology accelerator hub. The hub will be one of four NIGMS-funded hubs to help IDeA states accelerate early-stage biomedical technology from laboratory to market. The goal is to enhance the capacity to move scientific results from academic institutions into commercialization, and to promote sustainable culture of biomedical entrepreneurship within IDeA states.

OVALS
UK OTC partners with universities as a consortium. OVALS (formerly known as Ohio Valley Affiliates for Life Sciences) brings several regional universities in the Ohio Valley/Midwest together to share best practices for the advancement of university life sciences technologies, and to focus on best practices for technology transfer. We hosted the OVALS Conference in June 2019, which brought university alumni, philanthropy and tech transfer offices together from several universities to discuss how best to work with one another. Ian McClure, executive director, was chair in FY 2019.
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

COMMONWEALTH COMMERCIALIZATION CENTER (C3)
OTC began work with the Cabinet for Economic Development’s (CED) KY Innovation office and the University of Louisville to lead the development of a Commonwealth Commercialization Center (C3). C3 is a new approach to resourcing all commercialization and intellectual property needs across the Commonwealth’s public universities and colleges. The Center was launched in November 2018 with a team being hired in early 2019 and services beginning to be offered to the state’s public universities and colleges in the summer of 2019. Within 6 months, the team identified and was working to protect and advance more than 15 inventions from these institutions. Further, the statewide university partnership was instrumental in winning the NIH REACH grant award (KYNETIC).

REGIONAL INNOVATIONS FOR STARTUPS AND ENTREPRENEURS (RISE)
OTC received the opportunity to manage UK’s role under the Regional Innovation for Startups and Entrepreneurs (RISE) initiative from the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development (CED). Under this role, the New Ventures team was created and has provided a direct line to working more strategically with the Lexington community, and providing services to both UK and Lexington startups. Under RISE, we work with community partners through StartupLEX, SPARK and the Bluegrass Angels.
ENGAGEMENT

FACULTY EDUCATION PROGRAM
Over fiscal year 2019, OTC expanded its reach to educate faculty on the services and the programs we offer, and what faculty needs to know about agreements and disclosing an invention. In fiscal year 2019, we participated in New Faculty Orientation and in the Center for Clinical and Translation Science (CCTS) conference, and conducted faculty education sessions for Chemistry, Engineering, Pharmacy and Radiology among others.

To schedule a faculty education session, send an email to otcinfo@uky.edu.

NEW PROGRAM: OTC AMBASSADORS
OTC created a new program for undergraduate students called OTC Ambassadors. This program gives students the opportunity to work in the New Ventures team where they help plan, operate, and execute programs and initiatives.

NEW EVENT: UK WOMEN INNOVATORS NETWORK (UKWIN) CONFERENCE
• The UK Women Innovators Network (UKWIN) held its first annual conference in October 2018. The UKWIN program has a mission to increase the number of UK women who participate in innovation and to provide resources to both UK and Lexington women innovators.

NEW EVENT: UK STARTUP NETWORK RECEPTION
• OTC held an event in November 2018 to celebrate the UK Startup Network and provide an opportunity for idea sharing and networking between UK and other Lexington startups. The UK Startup Legacy Book 1998-2018 was introduced at this event. The Legacy Book has a listing of all UK Startup companies formed during 1998-2018.

NEW EVENT: UK ENTREPRENEUR SHOWCASE
• In March 2019, OTC partnered with the UK Alumni Association and UK Philanthropy to host the first annual UK Entrepreneur Showcase. The Showcase provides an opportunity for UK innovators, alumni entrepreneurs and student researchers to discuss their experiences and make connections. During this event, OTC presented Dr. Lee T. Todd Jr. with the first annual Lee T. Todd Lifetime Achievement Award for Entrepreneurship.
MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER
The OTC newsletter, Commercialization Connect, helps connect readers to OTC programs, partnerships, services, events and other news.

Commercialization Connect has grown to reach almost 5,000 UK faculty, staff, leadership, alumni, stakeholders, and other interested parties in the community, state and region.

WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER
As a key stakeholder in the Lexington startup community, UK OTC is an organizing partner of StartupLex, a brand that connects, supports, and promotes the startup ecosystem. The UK OTC team, on behalf of StartupLex, publishes StartupLex News & Events - a weekly email newsletter that draws attention to engagement opportunities in Lexington and beyond that are of interest to Kentucky startups and entrepreneurs, including those commercializing UK-owned technologies.

PATENT PALOOZA!
The third annual Patent Palooza! was held March 2019. Recognition was given to innovators who received patents, license deals, researchers and startup companies who received SBIR/STTR grants, UKAccel graduates, and innovators being recognized by the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). It was a fun and well-attended event celebrating the accomplishments of our faculty innovators.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY
OTC celebrated its second World Intellectual Property (IP) Day on April 26, 2019. The event theme was Reach for Gold: IP and Sports. OTC provided refreshments while sharing relevant information on University of Kentucky’s intellectual property data, and the variety of intellectual property that plays a part in sports.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
UK ENTREPRENEUR SHOWCASE
July 23, 2020
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PATENT PALOOZA!
October 7, 2020
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

WORLD INTELLECTUAL (IP) DAY
April 26, 2020

UK WOMEN INNOVATORS NETWORK (UKWIN) CONFERENCE
March 24, 2021