




Intellectual Property Assignment / Invention Disclosure




WHO OWNS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)?



The University is the owner of all intellectual property created by members of the University community, which is:

- Created or developed during an individual’s responsibilities to USC, including works made for hire; or
- Created or developed pursuant to a sponsored agreement or pursuant to a written agreement to transfer ownership to USC; or
- Created or developed with the significant use of university facilities, funds, resources, or supplies.


WHEN DO I OWN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)?



Members of the University own intellectual property that is developed on their own personal, unpaid time, in the absence of sponsored project agreements, and with only incidental use of University funds or facilities.


The university does not claim ownership interest in faculty-authored textbooks or scholarly publications, artworks, musical compositions, or literary works.

INVENTION DISCLOSURES



Under the federal Bayh-Dole Act, researchers are required to disclose all inventions made under federal funding any time such inventions are developed, 90 days before any use of the invention.

FILING AN INVENTION DISCLOSURE



If you are not sure whether your discovery should be disclosed or not, submit an [Inventor Pre-Disclosure Contact Request form](#), and a member of the licensing team will contact you to discuss.

Invention Disclosures can be filed in Inteum’s secure online inventor portal (Stevens has transitioned from Wellspring’s Sophia to Inteum’s Minuet database), that is accessed using your USC NetID and password.

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