

REGULATIONS OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

1.018 Works and Inventions.

(1) For the purposes of this regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) A “creator” shall mean a member of University personnel who creates a work or invention.

(b) An “invention” shall include any discovery, invention, process, composition of matter, article of manufacture, know-how, design, model, technological development, biological material, strain, variety, culture of any organism, or portion, modification translation, or extension of these items, and any mark used in connection with these items.

(c) “University personnel” shall include full-time and part-time employees of the University of Florida, including Academic Personnel (AP); Technical, Executive, Administrative and Managerial Support (TEAMS); University Support Personnel System (USPS) and Other Personnel Services (OPS) employees; appointees of the University, including certain faculty members and all volunteers; persons paid by or through the University, including fellows; and anyone working under University auspices. Students who are encompassed within any of these categories shall be considered “University personnel.”

(d) “University support” shall include the use of University funds, personnel, facilities, equipment, materials or technological information, and includes such support provided by other public or private organizations when it is arranged, administered or controlled by the University.

(e) “University-supported work” shall mean a work of a creator not made in the course of “independent efforts.” “Independent efforts” with regard to a work means that the ideas for the

work came from the creator, the work was not made with the use of University support and the University is not held responsible for any opinions expressed in the work. Notwithstanding the foregoing, “University-supported works” do not include scholarly articles published in journals independent of the University and theses or dissertations of graduate students or other works excluded from the definition of “University-supported works” as set forth in the [University’s Intellectual Property Policy](#) as in effect at the relevant time.

(f) A “work” shall include any copyrightable material, such as printed material, computer software or databases, audio and visual material, circuit diagrams, architectural and engineering drawings, lectures, musical or dramatic compositions, choreographic works and pictorial or graphic works.

(2) Works. A work that is made in the course of independent efforts is the property of the creator. A University-supported work is the property of the University, and the creator shall share in the proceeds therefrom subject to preexisting commitments to outside sponsoring agencies. University personnel are required to disclose promptly, pursuant to the University’s Intellectual Property Policy, all University-supported works. The Office of Technology Licensing shall inform the creator of the University’s decision regarding ownership pursuant to the requirements of the University’s Intellectual Property Policy. Any University-supported work shall be handled in accordance with the [University’s Intellectual Property Policy](#).

(3) Inventions.

(a) University personnel are required to disclose any invention made or discovered by them promptly pursuant to the University’s Intellectual Property Policy. All inventions must be disclosed, even those believed by the creator to be unrelated to his or her University duties and not involving the use of University support.

(b) An invention that is made in the field or discipline in which the creator is engaged by the University or made with the use of University support is the property of the University, and the creator shall share in the proceeds therefrom subject to preexisting commitments to outside sponsoring agencies. An invention made outside the field or discipline in which the creator is engaged by the University and for which no University support has been used is the property of the creator. In the latter case, however, the creator and the University may agree that the invention be pursued by the University and the proceeds shared pursuant to the University's Intellectual Property Policy.

(c) The Office of Technology Licensing shall inform the creator of the University's decision regarding ownership pursuant to the requirements of the University's Intellectual Property Policy. Any invention shall be handled in accordance with the University's Intellectual Property Policy.

(4) Copies of the University's Intellectual Property Policy are available from Office of Technology Licensing and at <http://www.research.ufl.edu/otl/pdf/ipp.pdf>. The Work Disclosure form, and the Invention Disclosure form incorporated in the University's Intellectual Property Policy are available from the Office of Technology Licensing and at <http://www.research.ufl.edu/otl/newdiscovery.html>.

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