

## HOPE COLLEGE INVENTION AND PATENT POLICY

**Introduction:** Hope College (the "College") is a private liberal arts college with programs in the natural and applied sciences with a national reputation. While the primary focus of these activities is to lead students to lives of leadership and service, the College recognizes that inventions and discoveries of commercial importance may be a natural outgrowth of activities within the College community. The following policy statement clarifies the ownership rights to inventions made by faculty, staff and students of Hope College.

The goal of the inventions and patent policy is to ensure that discoveries, inventions, and other creations generated by faculty, staff, and students of Hope College are utilized in ways most likely to benefit the public. The College seeks to assist its faculty and other researchers in properly disclosing their scholarly work, in complying with applicable laws and formal agreements, and in gaining the protection available under United States laws governing patents. Likewise, the College seeks to ensure that commercial benefits are distributed in a fair and equitable manner that recognizes both the contributions of the inventors and the interests of Hope College.

**Definition of Invention:** Inventions means any and all ideas, processes, inventions, machines, technology concepts, designs, manufacture, programs, trade secrets, compositions of matter, discoveries, other proprietary information, or an improvement thereof, whether patentable or unpatentable, that have been or are created, discovered, acquired, conceived or reduced to practice.

**Administration:** The administration of this patent policy will reside with the Patent Advisory Committee. The committee shall consist of the Dean of Natural and Applied Sciences, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the College, the Provost, the President or his/her appointee. If the President does not serve on the committee then the Provost shall act as chair. When an invention is submitted for consideration, it will be the responsibility of the Patent Advisory Committee to consult with the inventor(s) and appropriate experts in order to:

1. evaluate the patentability and commercial or other value of the invention;
2. determine a course of action for patenting and commercializing the invention;
3. ensure that all sales or licensing of inventions and/or discoveries are implemented to bring the inventions and/or discoveries to the public while securing financial reward for the College and the inventors.

The Chair of the Patent Advisory Committee shall report to the President of the College. An experienced Intellectual Property attorney shall be consulted on all legal matters pertaining to this policy.

**Applicability:** This policy, as amended from time to time, applies to all inventions conceived or first reduced to practice by full-time, part-time or visiting faculty, post-doctoral researchers,

staff, students, or any other persons performing research or engaging in work at the Colle

invention, or not to commercialize a patent

**Consulting Agreements:** Any faculty or staff member engaged in consulting work or in business is responsible for ensuring that cla

**HOPE COLLEGE INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM**

Inventor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Department(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Invention Name or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Abstract of Invention:

**Publications, Public Use and Sale**

**Signatures of Inventors**

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