

Western University

Intellectual Property Policy

A clearly defined intellectual property policy protects researchers, drives discovery and encourages further research in various fields.

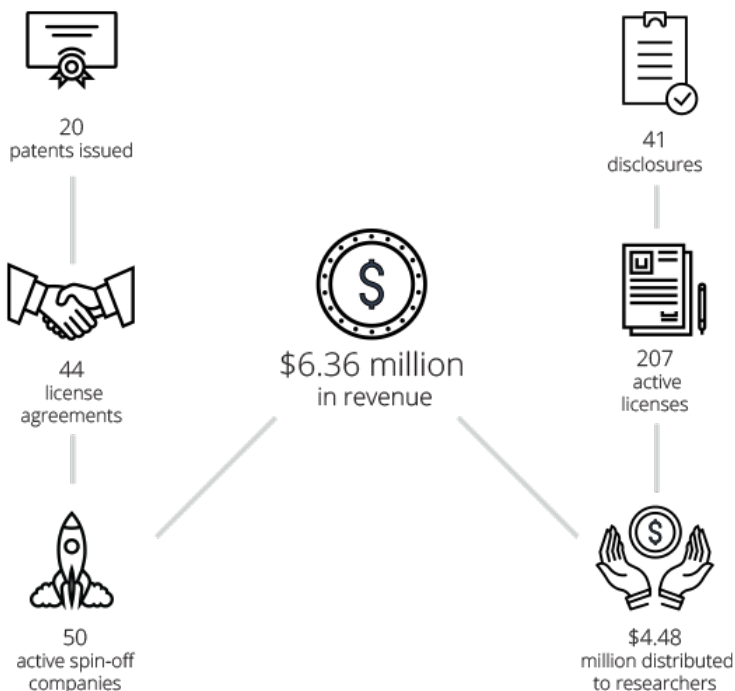
Western University's WORLDiscoveries®, one of Canada's leading commercialization centres, oversees our intellectual property policy, which is built on the principle that intellectual property is **creator owned**.

Intellectual Property Policy*

Applies to all intellectual property created by a member (student, faculty, librarian, archivist or staff) in the course of employment, academic studies, or using University resources.

1. Intellectual property is creator-owned for students, faculty, librarians, archivists and postdoctoral scholars. Intellectual property is University-owned for staff.
2. Intellectual property developed by a member who wishes to exploit it for commercial gain may be required to disclose it to the University through WORLDiscoveries.**
3. Creators (excluding staff) can choose to assign to the University or commercialize on their own.
4. If assigned to the institution, net revenue is shared between the University and creators.

WORLDiscoveries 2021 by the Numbers



*See MAPP 7.16 for full policy.

**See UWOPA Collective Agreement for copyright-specific requirements.



WORLDiscoveries provides advice and services to the University community to facilitate the protection and commercialization of intellectual property.

We follow a six-step process in turning member innovations into profitable consumer-ready products.

Disclosure. Member to submit a Report of Innovation (ROI) and indicate if they wish to assign or commercialize on their own.

Assessment. WORLDiscoveries assesses the strength of the disclosure's market potential and determines whether a strategy for intellectual property protection can be put in place.

Protection. If the disclosure is accepted, WORLDiscoveries will proceed with the protection of the intellectual property as appropriate and seek assignment to the University.

Marketing. We promote your innovation through various channels including our website and proprietary match making platforms. We will identify and reach out to potential third party receptors and/or investors with the goal of further research and development, licensing, direct to market or startup.

Agreements. We will legally represent your innovation and prepare and review all agreements related to its commercialization.

Compliance. We help to ensure that all parties deliver on the promises made.

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