

**NC State Patent and Tangible
Research Policy (Draft)**

POL 10.00.01

Objectives

1. Clarify the effect of the Patent Policy on consulting agreements;
2. Ensure consistency with BOG Patent and Copyright Policies;
3. Redefine the role of the IPC;
4. Include tangible research property;
5. Clarify student rights; and
6. Merge the Royalty Sharing Regulation with Patent Policy.

Key Revisions

- Improved definition of SUBSTANTIAL USE OF UNIVERSITY RESOURCES (Article 2.7)
- Include TANGIBLE RESEARCH MATERIAL (Article 2.8)
- Clarified language related to:
 - University-administered funds (Article 4.2)
 - Scope of employment (Article 4.3)
 - Student ownership rights (Article 5.1)
- Opportunity for specific student entrepreneurship/design programs to be exempted from University IP ownership provisions (Article 5.3)

Key Revisions (Continued)

- Consulting Policy Articulated (Article 6)
- Invention Disclosure Administration (Article 7)
 - OTT assumes full responsibility for review, evaluation of commercial potential of disclosures, and decisions related to continued management and IP protection
 - Disclosures no longer required to be routed through unit and college administration for approval (eDisclosure System to be implemented in 2011)
- Direction provided to sponsoring units for revenue distribution to promote innovation and entrepreneurship (Article 8.1)
- IPC to function as appeal body for inventors and serve as an advisory body on all matters related to administration of NC State's IP portfolio (Article 9.2)