

Division of Technology Management

University of Mississippi Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

Overall Mission

- to stimulate, protect, manage and transfer intellectual property from the university to the private sector for commercialization

Primary Goals

- to increase the number of technologies licensed to commercial partners and facilitate the formation of companies based on university technologies
- to manage an efficient process that is not a burden on faculty and staff and ensures that research outcomes with commercial potential are protected and then transferred to the private sector

Primary Duties

- negotiate and execute non-disclosure, material transfer, memoranda of understanding, licensing and other agreements with external parties as appropriate to facilitate external collaborations, technology transfer and economic development
- help faculty and staff identify commercial opportunities for intellectual property and prepare invention disclosures and other necessary documents
- help faculty and staff who wish to start a company based on a technology owned by the university to obtain necessary approvals and establish contacts with appropriate resources
- manage the intellectual property process to ensure that the university obtains protection for inventions with promising commercial potential
- interface with licensees to ensure timely development of licensed technologies and fulfillment of financial obligations
- support business development efforts of individual departments and centers/institutes on campus

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