Georgia State University Policy

4.00.08 Intellectual Property

Policy Summary

Provides for a fair and consistent procedure for defining intellectual property rights and the circumstances under which intellectual property is created determine ownership rights to such intellectual property. Establishes procedures for the disclosure, determination of interests, and management of intellectual property, and recognizes the rights of the creators of the intellectual property to financial benefits while safeguarding the rights of the University.

Full Policy Text

The University recognizes and encourages the publication of scholarly works as an integral part of teaching, research, and service. The University acknowledges the rights held by individuals who publish articles, pamphlets, books, and other works created through individual effort and initiative that are protected by copyright. The University also recognizes that some publications may result from work supported, either partially or completely, by the University. Generally, while the University retains the rights to intellectual property developed at the University, the University releases rights in scholarly works, as such are defined in this Policy, to the creators of such works.

Administration of Policy

Mandating Authority:
University Senate

Responsible Office(s):
University Research Services and Administration (Dalberg Hall, 3-3500)

Responsible Executive(s):

Policy History

Approving Body: Senate

Rationale or Purpose

The purpose of the Georgia State University Intellectual Property Policy is to encourage and recognize research and innovation by members of the University community, clarify ownership of intellectual property rights, create opportunities for public use of University innovations, and provide for the sharing of revenue with the creators of intellectual property when such revenue is derived from the protecting and licensing of intellectual property. This Policy provides for a fair and consistent procedure for defining intellectual property rights. The circumstances under which
intellectual property is created determines ownership rights to such intellectual property. This Policy establishes procedures for the disclosure, determination of interests, and management of intellectual property, and recognizes the rights of the creators of intellectual property to financial benefits while safeguarding the rights of the University.

**Additional Information**

For the form related to this policy, please see [http://ursa.research.gsu.edu/download/intellectual-property-disclosure-form/](http://ursa.research.gsu.edu/download/intellectual-property-disclosure-form/)

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**Additional Helpful Resources**

Faculty Handbook; Classified Employee Handbook; Board of Regents Policy Manual, Section 600.