

**Acknowledgement and Assignment of Intellectual Property for Federally Funded Projects at
Plymouth State University**

Acceptance of this policy is required as a condition of applying for federal funds to support research.

Plymouth State University (University) encourages all members of the University community in the production of creative and scholarly work and the development of Intellectual Property. The University is dedicated to the protection of these scholarly works and intellectual properties and manages the critical resources, including financial resources, to evaluate and pursue Patent, Trademark, and/or Copyright options as well as commercialization opportunities for the technologies, discoveries, and inventions that arise within the University community.

In order that the University may fulfill legal and contractual obligations to the sponsors of research, and in consideration of my participation in sponsored research, I hereby agree as follows:

1. I understand that on occasion University policy or the University's obligations to research sponsors may require that I assign my interest in Copyrightable Materials to the University. In such cases, I hereby expressly and solely assign all right, title and interest in and to such materials to the University. I further understand that, in agreements with research sponsors, the University seeks to retain Copyrights for its faculty.
2. I understand that the University incurs binding obligations to sponsors under the terms of sponsored research agreements. When I participate in sponsored research, I understand that it is my responsibility to ascertain and abide by the terms of the sponsored research agreement as it relates to me. In particular, when engaged in outside activity, such as consulting, I recognize my duty to uphold and assist in upholding the University's obligations to its research sponsors.
3. I acknowledge that any Tangible Research Property, including Know-how, whether or not patentable, which is made in the course of employment at the University and federally funded (wholly or in part) is the property of the University. I hereby expressly and solely assign to the University all right, title and interest in and to any such Tangible Research Property.
4. I agree to report to the Vice Provost for Research and Engagement any Invention which is conceived or reduced to practice in the course of my employment at the University and while connected with research supported by federal funds (wholly or in part).
5. I hereby expressly and solely assign to University all right, title, and interest in and to any such invention connected with research supported by federal funds (wholly or in part). I accept that my share of royalties and equity from such inventions will be 50% of net revenues.
6. I will cooperate fully, at no expense to me and without charge, with the University in the preparation and prosecution of Patents, in the registration of Copyrights and in the preparation and execution of all documents necessary or incidental thereto.
7. I am under no obligation to any person, organization, or corporation with respect to any Invention(s), Tangible Research Property or Copyrightable Materials, which are or could be reasonably construed to be in conflict with this Agreement.
8. I agree that this Agreement is effective as of the start date of any federal or state grant or contract, and applies to any Inventions, Tangible Research Property, Know-how, or Copyrightable Materials made during the time I am employed by the University, hold an appointment or continue to matriculate, while working on grants containing any amount of Federal funds.

Signature

Title

Date

Printed Name

Department