

# Western University Intellectual Property Policy

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

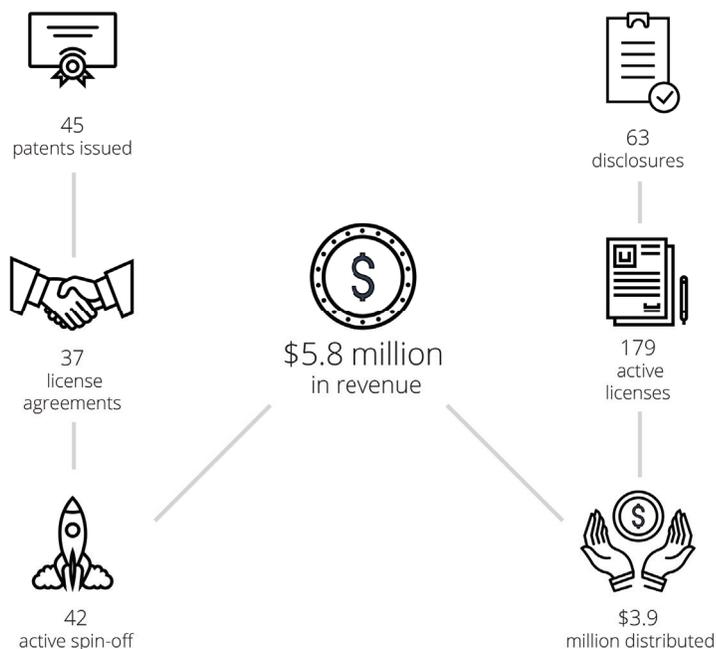
Western University's WORLDiscoveries®, one of Canada's leading commercialization centres, oversees our intellectual property policy, which is built on the principle that intellectual property is **creator-owned**.

## 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 2019 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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