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 fellows. Intellectual property is University-owned for staff.
2. Intellectual property developed by a member who wishes to exploit it for commercial gain shall 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 2018 by the Numbers**

- 60 patents issued
- 50 disclosures
- 33 license agreements
- $4.2 million in revenue
- 155 active licenses
- 35 active spinoff companies
- $2.8 million distributed to researchers

*See MAPP 7.16 for full policy.*