

Kyoto University Intellectual Property Policy

Kyoto University, as specified in the Business-Academia Collaboration Policy, will contribute to the society by promoting the collaborative research activities in accordance with the Kyoto University Basic Principle, and developing measures to exploit and utilize intellectual property created as a result of research accomplishment at the institution. In order to form and ignite the cycle of intellectual creation through the collaborative research projects, it is essential to establish a systematic and strategic structure to handle intellectual property. The institution should secure exclusive rights for the research results which have the potential for industrial application, and protect them under Intellectual Property Law. The university should also have global patents granted to outstanding inventions made at the institution, manage and exploit the basic patents effectively.

Herein, the Kyoto University Intellectual Property Policy shall stipulate basic concept on succession and entitlement to intellectual property, and management for exploitation.

1. Succession to Intellectual Property

The title to any invention shall belong to the institution in the case that researchers make inventions in the course of their duties at the institution. Kyoto University shall succeed to the intellectual property rights in principle except particular circumstances where the university determines that the right pertaining to intellectual property shall belong to the inventor.

When succeeding to intellectual property rights, the institution shall take serious consideration into the added value, the feasible application, and the characteristics of each academic field.

The Institution shall set separate rules and regulations that are necessary for the handling of intellectual property generated within the university.

2. Handling of Intellectual Property

Inventions and discoveries resulting from creative research by employees of the institution shall be administered and managed through the Kyoto

University Business-Academia Collaboration Office. The university is responsible to undertake all the necessary procedures in the event that the institution determines to succeed to the inventions and the like.

Any research materials generated in the course of research and development activities shall be administered properly by the institution. Any written works are not included.

With respect to digital content including database and computer programs relating to inventions, the institution shall administer and manage the copy right. Any research papers, written works, and reporting documents are not included.

3. Management System of Intellectual Property

In order to realize creation, protection and exploitation of intellectual property, the institution shall set minimum rules to handle intellectual property, monitor whole information pertaining to intellectual property on all campus, and provide a system that responds to features of different industries in the fields of the Science of Engineering and Agriculture, the Life Science, Software and Digital Content.

4. Compensation

In the event that Kyoto University receives any income by exercise or management of intellectual property, the balance of proceeds shall be properly distributed to the inventor, the department, and the university.

5. Promotion of Practical Use of Intellectual Property

In order to contribute to the development of both of the society and the university, the institution shall promote efficient and effective technology transfer activities by establishing partnership with outside associate institutions such as TLOs (Technology Licensing Organizations).

The university shall promote collaborative research activities with businesses to enhance utility value of intellectual property.

As a means to encourage return of the benefit of intellectual property to

the society, the institution shall support venture startups which are based on the results of research and development through promoting industrialization out of inventions in new business fields.

The university shall endeavor to facilitate appropriate exploitation of intellectual property in accordance with other policies, guidelines and the likes involving intellectual property, thereby contributing to the enhancement of research and development, and challenging industrialization under the research activities inside and outside the institution.

6. Conflict of Interest / Conflict of Liability

In actively promoting exploitation of intellectual property, researchers at Kyoto University shall be engaged in the business-academia collaborative research activities in compliance with the Kyoto University Policy for Conflict of Interest. The institution shall support researchers' creative activities accordingly, thus making its accountability clear and open to the society.

7. Other specific articles that are necessary for implementing this policy shall be provided separately.