

# **FSU Policy 9-11      Student Intellectual Property**

## **Objective:**

Florida State University is committed to providing students a learning environment that supports the dissemination of knowledge. Intellectual property, e.g. invention and creative works, conceived by FSU students as a part of their education may have commercial value that will benefit the public, thus warranting patent or copyright protection. The purpose of this policy is to provide administrative guidance on the ownership of the intellectual property created by FSU students.

## **Definitions:**

Creative Works- “Creative Works” shall include any copyrightable material, such as printed material, computer software or databases, audio and visual material, circuit diagrams, architectural and engineering drawings, lectures, musical or dramatic compositions, choreographic works, and pictorial or graphic works.

Inventions- “Inventions” shall include any discovery, process, composition of matter, article of manufacture, know-how, design, model, technological development, biological material, strain, variety, culture of any organism, or portion, modification, translation of these items, and any mark used in connection with these items.

## **Ownership of Intellectual Property:**

### Full-Time, Part-Time, and Visiting Students

Students who are not considered Florida State University employees shall retain all right, title, and interest in Creative Works and Inventions conceived or first reduced to practice without significant university support. University support shall include the use of university funds, personnel, facilities, equipment, materials, or technological information, and includes such support provided by other public or private organizations when it is arranged, administered, or controlled by the university.

### Student Employees

Students who are Florida State University employees are obligated under the university policies and procedures pertaining to copyrights and patents as delineated in the 2008 Faculty Handbook: Section 6, Policies and Procedures; Patents and University Sponsored Educational Materials. Florida State University student employees shall include, but are not limited to, Graduate Assistants, Graduate Research Assistants, Graduate Teaching Assistants, and Student Other Personnel Services (OPS) employees, including undergraduate students. Ownership of Creative Works and Inventions derived from activities directly related to a student’s employment at FSU shall belong to the university.

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