

Joint Office of Technology Transfer



Services for Researchers

HJF's technology transfer staff encourages scientists and private industry to collaborate on research and development projects, with the goal of making innovative medical technologies available for clinical use. Established in 2000, the **USU-HJF Joint Office of Technology Transfer (JOTT)** was created to advance inventions by Foundation and University researchers. Although the JOTT assists HJF scientists who are not affiliated with USU, the vast majority of this work involves inventions developed at the University.

HJF will negotiate the following agreements on your behalf:

- **Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs)** for the transfer of reagents to and from USU;
- **Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs)** between USU and industry; and
- **Confidential Disclosure Agreements (CDAs)**, also called Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs), to discuss your research with collaborators or other parties, obtain proprietary information or share proprietary data with scientific collaborators.

The principal service HJF provides to protect your research results is **filing and prosecuting patent applications** on your invention. An issued patent will enable the patent holder to prevent competitors from making, using or selling your novel innovation. HJF will assist you with protecting your invention by:

- Helping you prepare **invention disclosure** forms for the JOTT;
- Evaluating invention disclosures;
- Conducting a patentability review;
- Inviting inventors to present their inventions at monthly Joint Patent and Technology Review Group (JPTRG) meetings (held the second week of each month);
- Coordinating patent filing and prosecution with outside patent counsel;
- Assuming all costs associated with patent filing and prosecution; and
- Marketing USU technologies and patent rights to potential licensees so that scientific ideas can be further developed into viable products and services.

HJF will assist with the **marketing and licensing** of your technology, by:

- Conducting a market assessment to identify companies that might be interested;
- Marketing technology to potential licensees;
- Negotiating license agreements;
- Monitoring licensee performance; and
- Collecting and distributing royalty payments.

Each fiscal year, each inventor will receive the first \$2,000 of **licensing revenue** per invention and share (if there is more than one inventor) 20% of the remainder. Federal statute stipulates that inventors who are federal employees cannot receive more than \$150,000 per year (total for all inventions), unless an exception is approved by the President of the United States. Revenue to the University is allocated to the department or laboratory in which the invention originated.

If you have technology transfer, commercialization or intellectual property questions, please contact us.

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