Getting Started with Technology Transfer

> **Have a Research Innovation or Intellectual Property Question?**
> Whether you've developed something new, are exploring potential applications for your research, or simply have questions about intellectual property, the Technology Transfer Office can help you identify appropriate next steps.

Research discoveries can lead to new technologies, products, services, and solutions that benefit society. Technology Transfer helps researchers explore these possibilities and navigate the considerations involved in protecting and advancing university innovations.

You don't need to have a patentable invention, a business plan, or a fully developed technology to start a conversation.

When Should You Contact Technology Transfer?

Consider reaching out if you:

- **Have developed something new.** Your research has resulted in a discovery, invention, technology, software application, research method, or other innovation.
- **See potential applications beyond the university.** You believe your research could address a practical problem or have commercial potential.
- **Are preparing to share your research.** You have questions about how publications, presentations, or discussions with external organizations might affect intellectual property protection.
- **Are exploring an external collaboration.** You're considering working with an industry partner or another organization on research with potential intellectual property implications.
- **Have questions about intellectual property.** You're unsure about invention disclosures, ownership, patents, licensing, or other intellectual property considerations.
- **Are interested in entrepreneurship.** You're considering whether a research innovation could support a startup or another commercialization opportunity.

> **Not Sure Whether Your Research Fits?**
> That's okay. You don't need to determine whether your work qualifies for intellectual property protection or commercialization before reaching out. An initial conversation can help explore the possibilities.

What Happens Next?

Getting started is straightforward. An initial conversation is an opportunity to discuss your research and determine what, if any, additional steps may be appropriate.

Step	What to Expect
1. Start a Conversation	Schedule a meeting to discuss your research, innovation, or questions. You don't need to have everything figured out beforehand.
2. Explore the Considerations	Discuss relevant intellectual property considerations, potential applications, research agreements, funding obligations, or other factors that may influence next steps.
3. Identify Next Steps	Depending on your situation, next steps might include an invention disclosure, further evaluation, coordination with other university offices, or exploration of commercialization opportunities.

Not every conversation leads to a patent application or licensing activity. The goal is to help identify an appropriate path forward based on your research and circumstances.

Schedule a Conversation

Whether you have a specific invention to discuss or simply want to explore the potential applications of your research, the Technology Transfer Office welcomes the opportunity to connect.

Connect with Technology Transfer

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Schedule a Conversation with Technology Transfer →

Select a convenient appointment time using Microsoft Bookings.

Not sure where to begin? A conversation is a good first step.

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