

## Regulation XXIII: Regulations relating to Student Intellectual Property

1. For the purposes of these Regulations:
  - (a) **"Intellectual Property"** includes patents, trademarks, service marks, logos, internet domain names, rights in designs, copyright (including rights in software), research data, research software, database rights, rights in confidential information, trade secrets, inventions and know-how, educational materials, and other intellectual property rights whether registered or unregistered and including any applications for registration and all other rights or forms of protection having equivalent or similar effect anywhere in the world;
  - (b) **"Student Intellectual Property"** means any Intellectual Property created, devised, made, produced or developed by a student in the course of the student's programme of study or research. For the avoidance of any doubt, if the student is also an employee of the University (for example a teaching assistant) then any Intellectual Property created in the course of such employment will be governed by the terms of such employment and will not be Student Intellectual Property.
2. A student undertaking undergraduate and taught postgraduate programmes of study will be the owner of the Student Intellectual Property created by that student. Exceptions to this Regulation may include the following:
  - (a) students employed or sponsored by another institution or organisation;
  - (b) students undertaking a project as part of a taught programme with another institution or organisation (third party) providing use of their facilities, business information or project sponsorship;
  - (c) students undertaking a placement for which there may be a contract of employment;
  - (d) where the Intellectual Property is generated as a result of collaborative work, for example with other students or with members of staff (or where the work being undertaken derives from the Intellectual Property of staff);
  - (e) other exceptional circumstances as determined by the Faculty.
3. In the case of 2. (b):
  - i. a student may be required to agree to assign the Intellectual Property (IP) they create to the third party, but will have a licence to use the IP they create for academic purposes.
  - ii. a student must keep confidential all information relating to the work of business of the third party in accordance with any relevant terms of the agreement or as instructed by the University.
4. The University retains the right to use student works for the purposes of education and/or quality assurance, and to ensure it is able to fulfil its commitment to supervise or assess that student's programme of study. The University will use reasonable endeavours to seek the permission of students where the University wishes to use student work for such purposes.
5. It is a condition of registration for Higher Degrees by research that the student will agree to assign the Student Intellectual Property to the University. This does not include copyright in theses which is supported by the Code of Practice for Research Degrees nor other student research output such as articles, books and conference contributions which will be covered by

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the University's Publications and Copyright policy.

6. Where the Student Intellectual Property is vested in the University pursuant to these Regulations, the University may exploit it, or any part of it, using reasonable endeavours to that end and granting to the student a reasonable share of any revenues received by the University as a result of such exploitation. If the University does not wish to exploit any part of the Student Intellectual Property vested in it, it will at the request of the student return such part to the student.
7. Where Student Intellectual Property is vested in the University pursuant to these Regulations, a student may not without the consent of the University (which will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed) publish any work which might prejudice the acquisition and protection of the Student Intellectual Property by the University or any third party to whom it, or any part of it, has been assigned.
8. Any breach of these Regulations may be dealt with under the Regulations as to the Discipline of Students.