

GUIDE FOR INDUSTRY

Introduction

The University of Idaho's mission centers on the creation, dissemination, and application of knowledge. The University's research mission enables student successes in a rapidly changing world by building curricula that integrate emerging technologies and developing learning activities. The benefactors of University research are the citizens of Idaho and the United States. These benefactors expect that the University's research, instruction, and service activities will provide a public benefit. The University of Idaho participates in a broad range of relationships with governmental agencies, non-profit foundations, and industry. Properly cast, all such relationships can help both the University of Idaho and the external party advance their respective and mutual research interests. These relationships are based on certain fundamental principles:

1. **Open Dissemination of Research Results and Information:** Agreements with external parties shall not abridge the ability of University researchers to disseminate their research methods and results in a timely manner. The University's most fundamental tenet is the freedom to interpret and publish or otherwise disseminate research results in order to support the transfer of knowledge to others and maintain an open academic environment that fosters intellectual creativity.
2. **Commitment to Students:** Agreements for research relationships with external parties shall respect the University's primary commitment to the education of its students.
3. **Accessibility for Research Purposes:** Agreements with external parties shall ensure the ability of the University and University researchers to use the results of research to perform future research and instruction.
4. **Public Benefit:** Agreements with industry shall support the University's ability to make available for the public benefit in a diligent and timely manner any resulting innovations and works of authorship. The University recognizes and seeks to balance benefits made available to the public through the commercialization of University intellectual property with benefits made available to the public through the use of such intellectual property by the University in furtherance of its research, educational, and outreach missions.
5. **Informed Participation:** All individuals involved in research governed by a University agreement with an external party shall have the right and responsibility to understand the rights and obligations related to future research results embodied within the agreement.
6. **Legal Integrity and Consistency:** Commitments concerning future research results made in agreements with external parties shall be consistent with all applicable laws and regulations and the University's contractual obligations to others.
7. **Fair Consideration for University Research Results:** Agreements with industry shall provide fair consideration to the University for granting commercial access to University research results.
8. **Objective Decision-making:** When establishing or conducting University relationships with external parties, decisions made about rights to future research results shall be based upon legitimate institutional academic and business considerations and not upon matters related to the personal financial gain of any individual.

Relationship Models

The University has developed four standard contract mechanisms that enable industry to engage with the University. These agreements were crafted to streamline the contracting process and provide straightforward intellectual property terms. In rare cases, terms can be modified for mutual benefit.

BASIC AND APPLIED RESEARCH AGREEMENT

The University is committed to conducting basic and applied research. So long as the industry sponsor reimburses actual direct and indirect costs, the University may provide the sponsor the option to obtain ownership of inventions discovered during the sponsored research, while retaining for itself a license to use those inventions for University research and educational purposes. Moreover, the University retains the right to freely publish and present the research results.

STUDENT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY AGREEMENT

Industry may sponsor an educational experience for students undertaken as part of an approved, for credit course.

TESTING AGREEMENT

The University has measurement, composition, fabrication, and analysis capabilities. The University may offer these to various constituencies, including industry, for the benefit of the State of Idaho.

FIELD TRIAL AGREEMENT

The University has many on-going field trial programs. An industry sponsor may provide financial support to the University to cover costs associated with a field trial in an area of the sponsor's interest.