Intellectual property (IP) and commercialisation process

Research

In the University context, IP can be viewed as the results of research. These include outcomes with commercial potential, such as a new compound, a product, or a process.

Contact IP team

Teesside University researchers who have created IP are asked to contact the Research & Enterprise Office (REO) as early as possible to discuss their IP and the next steps.

Disclosure

The IP and Commercialisation Manager will ask researchers to complete an invention disclosure form.

Assessment

The IP team logs the project and passes the IP forms to REO colleagues for checks of involvement of third parties. The IP team conducts their own assessment of patentability and commercial value.

Protection

If the IP team considers the IP to be patentable and of commercial value, a patent application will be filed. Alternative strategies and forms of protection may also be discussed with the researchers.

Commercial-isation

The IP team will discuss with the researchers and other interested parties to determine the most appropriate commercialisation strategy. Depending on the invention and the circumstances, this could involve formation of a spin-out company or licensing the IP to an existing company or companies.

Revenue

Revenue received by the University from licensees are distributed to the researchers/inventors according to the University's IP policy.

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