

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) POLICY

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Description
IPR Policy

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1. Introduction

IILM University is committed to fostering an ecosystem of innovation, research, and entrepreneurship. As a multidisciplinary institution, IILM recognizes the importance of protecting intellectual creations across all domains, including Law, Management, Engineering, Humanities, Computer Science, and Sciences. This policy aims to provide a clear framework for the ownership, protection, management, and commercialization of intellectual property created by its faculty, students, researchers, and collaborators.

2. Objectives

- Promote innovation, creativity, and knowledge dissemination across disciplines.
- Protect and manage intellectual assets generated at the university.
- Encourage commercialization of IP while ensuring fair benefit-sharing.
- Define ownership and responsibilities of creators and stakeholders.
- Align with national frameworks like the National IPR Policy, 2016, and international best practices.
- Develop a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem through IP-driven startups and industry partnerships.

3. Scope and Applicability

This policy applies to all IPR generated by:

- Faculty, researchers, and staff during employment.
- Students during their academic tenure.
- Visiting scholars and collaborators, provided university resources are used.
- All creations resulting from teaching, research, innovation, consultancy, or funded projects.

4. Definitions

- IP: Patents, copyrights, trademarks, industrial designs, trade secrets, and integrated circuit layouts.
- Significant Use of Resources: Usage of labs, funding, or facilities beyond normal infrastructure.
- Startup/Spin-off: IP-led company founded by university members leveraging university IP.

5. Ownership of IP

5.1 Faculty & Staff:

- IP generated in the course of employment or using university resources shall belong to the university.
- Personal scholarly works (books, articles) are owned by the faculty unless created under specific contracts or sponsored projects.

5.2 Students:

- Students own the IP created independently unless substantial guidance, funding, or resources from the university or faculty are involved.
- Joint ownership shall apply for guided research or collaborative works.

5.3 Sponsored & Collaborative Research:

- IP ownership will be governed by the terms of MoUs or grant agreements.
- In absence of an agreement, IILM and contributors shall co-own IP proportionately.

5.4 Startups/Entrepreneurship:

- Startups incubated at IILM Innovation & Incubation Centres using university IP must enter into a license agreement.
- Equity may be claimed by the university as per agreed terms.

6. Rights and Obligations

6.1 University:

- Retains a non-exclusive, royalty-free right to use all IP for academic, promotional, and research purposes.
- Has discretion to file patents or pursue commercialization.

6.2 Creators:

- Must disclose inventions promptly to the IPMO (Intellectual Property Management Office).
- Are encouraged to participate in patenting, licensing, or commercialization.
- Must respect confidentiality and avoid conflict of interest.

7. IP Protection Process

- All disclosures must be made to the Intellectual Property Management Office (IPMO).
- IPMO will evaluate novelty, commercial potential, and fundability.
- University may file for IP protection through national/international agencies.
- External legal or technical assistance will be facilitated by the university if needed.

8. Revenue Sharing and Commercialization

Unless specified otherwise, net revenues (after cost recovery) shall be shared:

- Creator(s): 70%
- University: 30%

University's share will be reinvested in research, IP management, and startup support. Collaborative IP revenue shall be shared per specific agreements.

9. Academic and Ethical Integrity

- All forms of plagiarism, data falsification, or unethical use of third-party IP are prohibited.
- IILM adopts a zero-tolerance policy against academic misconduct.
- Violations may lead to suspension, withdrawal of degrees, or legal action.

10. Courseware and Educational Content

- Teaching materials developed with university support belong to IILM University.
- Faculty may use such content for academic purposes with acknowledgment.
- For MOOCs or online commercial platforms, a separate agreement shall define IP rights and revenue shares.

11.IP Across Disciplines

IILM University acknowledges the diversity of disciplines:

- Law: Legal databases, policy frameworks, or scholarly legal works are co-owned if guided or funded.
- Engineering & CSE: Inventions, code, algorithms, or hardware developed in labs are subject to patent protection.
- Management: Case studies, simulations, or frameworks fall under shared ownership.
- Humanities & Social Sciences: Copyright for scripts, media, or tools remains with the creator unless university resources are used extensively.
- Sciences: Lab inventions and outputs follow the standard IP ownership and disclosure process.

12.IP Management & Governance

- IPMO (Intellectual Property Management Office): Responsible for disclosures, filings, record-keeping, and patent agents' coordination. It will have a Faculty Coordinator or Dean, three internal members (Group – 1: Science, Engineering; Group-II: Biological Sciences; Group-III: HSS, Arts, Media, Law) and two staff. members conversant with matters related to IPR.
- IPRC (Intellectual Property Right Council): Resolves disputes and assesses IP potential. It will have Dean (R&D) and two External Members.
- IQAC: Oversees policy updates and awareness programs.

13. Dispute Resolution

- Disputes will be first mediated by IPMO.
- If unresolved, escalated to IPRC.
- Final authority: The Vice Chancellor, IILM University.

14. Policy Review and Amendment

- Reviewed every two years or earlier as needed.
- Amendments proposed by IQAC with stakeholder consultation.

15. Enforcement and Penalties

- Violations (unauthorized use, plagiarism) lead to disciplinary actions.
- Penalties include revocation of privileges, termination, or legal action.

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