

Knowledge & Technology Transfer Guidelines for NCCR Projects

You may not be aware of this, but your research has the potential to be used outside of your lab. Whether it's for transforming your technology into a commercial product or to use your knowledge for the benefit of the society, you should not undermine the transfer potential.

However, there are several aspects that you have to take into account in order to protect your intellectual property. That is why your NCCR Knowledge & Technology Transfer Officer (KTTO) is here to help you progress with your project(s) as well as to connect you with the right contacts. The KTTO is in regular contact with your institutional Technology Transfer Office (iTTO) and will direct you whenever is needed.

Therefore, we kindly ask you to get in touch with the relevant contact(s) if...



... you are working on a project that could be of commercial interest now or in the future

→ *To guide you through the appropriate steps.*



...an industry expresses an interest in your project

→ *To make sure that all parties sign a confidentiality disclosure agreement (CDA/ NDA) before exchanging any of your ideas or results. Also, this will allow the industry to speak freely about their current R&D.*



...you would like to exchange material, data, software, ... with an academic or an industrial partner and still protect your rights

→ *To help you establish material transfer agreements.*



...you would like to engage in a new collaboration or a sponsored research

→ *To help you identify the proper agreements, draft and negotiate them.*



... you have an invention that you would like to protect – patent, trademark, design, ...

→ *To fill out the appropriate declaration of invention form, to answer all your questions regarding the patenting process (including prior art search), to find an appropriate patent attorney firm and to finance the initial filing of the patent application.*



... you plan written publications or oral presentations outside of your group that may be considered as public disclosure and be an obstacle to patenting your invention.

→ *e.g., journal article, internet publication, newspaper or TV broadcast, thesis defense, seminar presentation, poster and abstract.*

Contact

→ For all questions related to KTT, please contact the NCCR KTTO: Coralie Debracque
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