

Policy History
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Intellectual Property Policy

A. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

1. Kwantlen Polytechnic University (the University) is committed to teaching, learning, scholarship, and research. To fulfil its vision, mission, and mandate, the University encourages the creation, distribution, and utilization of the outcomes of intellectual endeavours by University Members. While doing so, it ensures that the interests of the University and its Members are safeguarded.
2. The University's strategic plan notes that innovation, scholarship, and research benefit itself, students, and society. The University's Academic Plan prioritizes student success, teaching excellence, research, internationalization, open education, indigenization, and graduate studies, among other goals.
3. Consistent with its commitment to academic freedom, the University preserves the rights of Creators and owners during the creation, distribution, and utilization of these outcomes, and when collaborating with third parties concerning intellectual property (IP).

B. SCOPE AND LIMITS

1. This Policy applies to all University Members. It also affects contractors to the University who supply their services under a Contract for Services.
2. This Policy does not apply to IP created by University Members through Independent Effort.
3. This IP Policy and related Procedure shall be interpreted in harmony with up-to-date versions of related legislation, agreements, and policies, as they may be amended from time to time.

C. STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

Through this Policy and related Procedure, the University:

1. Fosters creativity, innovation, and other intellectual endeavours by University Members across the University;
2. Encourages dissemination of knowledge for the benefit of the University Members and for the broader society;
3. Educates and informs University Members in dealing with IP, and identifies resources to guide them regarding their rights and responsibilities;
4. Reaffirms IP rights for University Members, and clarifies guidelines and processes for the ownership, protection, disclosure, utilization, and disposition of IP;
5. Enables collaboration with, and funding from, industry, government, and community partners;
6. Provides for continuity of teaching in the cases of personnel changes, and affirms continued access by University and its Members to use educational materials;
7. Ensures compliance with applicable statutory, regulatory, and common law, and allows for both the University and its Members to meet legal commitments and obligations; and
8. Enables the interests of the University and University Members to contribute to economic prosperity, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability.

D. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Section A of BP5 Intellectual Property Procedure for a list of definitions in support of this Policy.

E. RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION, AGREEMENTS, AND GUIDELINES

AC8 Principles of Academic Freedom and Responsibility

BP5 Use of University Property

GV6 Use of Institutional Name, Coat of Arms, Crest, Logo, Seal and Other Graphic Images

HR1 Conflict of Interest

IM1 Copyright Compliance

IM2 Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

IM4 Confidentiality

RS2 Integrity in Research and Scholarship

ST2 Student Academic Integrity

ST7 Student Conduct (Non-Academic)

Employee Code of Conduct

Legislation

University Act

Patent Act

Copyright Act

Trade-Marks Act

Industrial Design Act

Integrated Circuit Topography Act

Plant Breeders' Rights Act

Agreements

Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and Awards by Research Institutions

Collective Agreement between Kwantlen Polytechnic University and Kwantlen Faculty Association

Collective Agreement between Kwantlen Polytechnic University and the BC Government and Service Employees Union

Terms and Conditions of Employment for Administrative Employees

Canada has joined several international IP treaties. Please see Canadian Intellectual Property Office page at <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr02322.html#iptreaties>

Guidelines

Enabling Responsible Use of Generative AI in Research (in draft)

F. RELATED PROCEDURE

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