

External funding policy: Intellectual Property	
Overseen by: General Counsel	In cooperation with: PI/PO, OSPR/CFR, Dean/Functional Officer, employee, student

“Intellectual Property” covers copyright, trademark, patent, and trade secrets.

Unless there is a separate, signed contract, the relationship between faculty and the university with regard to Intellectual Property is governed by the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Niagara Lay Teachers Union and Niagara University.

Unless there is a separate, signed contract, or hire letter, the relationship between faculty and students with regarding to student-generated Intellectual Property is governed by the “Niagara University Policy on Student-Generated Intellectual Property” (current copy attached).

PI/PO’s must be mindful of the intellectual property clauses that will be found in the enabling contracts, and must work with OSPR/CFR and the General Counsel to ensure that any and all

The contracts database shall ask if intellectual property rights are transferred to the sponsoring agency at the approval phase, and if “yes” is checked, shall ask if there is a sub-awardee, and if “yes” shall alert the PI/PO, OSPR/CFR, that an intellectual property check is needed, and shall not allow the system to proceed until the item is marked “resolved” by CFR/OSPR.