School of Graduate Studies
Intellectual Property Awareness
University of Toronto

Creation and dissemination of knowledge is an important component of graduate education. Most graduate students will have to deal with intellectual property (IP) issues during their studies. This form is designed to promote early awareness of these issues thereby minimizing problems that may arise later. Each graduate student and her/his academic supervisor should complete and sign this form at the beginning of the research training. Students in professional Master’s programs should complete the form with their Graduate Coordinator, if relevant. If a student’s research is supported by industrial contract(s), or if the research may lead to major inventions or commercialization, the student and supervisor should consider signing a formal agreement, in consultation with the department, faculty, School of Graduate Studies, or Office of the Vice-President, Research.

SECTION 1: To be completed by the student – please print or type

Name_________________________________________Student No._________________________

Degree sought_________________________Department_________________________Program_________________________

Academic Supervisor_________________________________________

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SECTION 2: To be completed by the student

Please review the University’s Intellectual Property Guidelines for Graduate Students and Supervisors, and the University policies related to intellectual property, and discuss with your supervisor before answering these questions.

1. Have you read the Intellectual Property Guidelines for Graduate Students and Supervisors at the University of Toronto? Yes (  ) No (  )

2. Have you read the University’s Inventions Policy? (http://www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/pap/policies/invent.html) Yes (  ) No (  )

3. Have you read the University’s Copyright Policy? (http://www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/pap/policies/copyright.html) Yes (  ) No (  )

4. Have you read the University’s Publication Policy? (http://www.utoronto.ca/govcncl/pap/policies/pubs.html) Yes (  ) No (  )

5. Have you discussed intellectual property issues that may arise in the course of your studies (e.g., authorship in publications) with your supervisor? Yes (  ) No (  ) Not Applicable (  )

6. If you are supported by a scholarship, fellowship, industrial contract, or your supervisor’s research grants, have you discussed with your supervisor any potential impact these may have on intellectual property? Yes (  ) No (  ) Not Applicable (  )

7. If you are also a research assistant or other type of employee of the University of Toronto, have you discussed with your supervisor any potential impact on intellectual property? Yes (  ) No (  ) Not Applicable (  )

8. If you work in a teaching hospital, research institute, or other institutions affiliated with the University of Toronto for your graduate studies, have you discussed with your supervisor any potential impact this may have on intellectual property? Yes (  ) No (  ) Not Applicable (  )
If the answer to any of these questions is "No", please explain:

Student’s Signature ______________________________ Date __________________

SECTION 3: To be completed by the student’s supervisor

1. Have you reviewed the University policies related to intellectual property with this graduate student?
   Yes (   )     No (   )

2. Have you reviewed this form after it was completed by this graduate student?
   Yes (   )     No (   )

3. Have you reached an agreement with this graduate student on any anticipated intellectual property issues? [It is recommended that any written agreement be kept on file.]
   Yes (   )     No (   )     Not Applicable (   )

If the answer to any of these questions is "No", please explain:

Supervisor’s signature ______________________________ Date __________________

Return the completed form to the Graduate Coordinator.

SECTION 4: For departmental use only

On behalf of the Department/Graduate Program, I have reviewed this form.

Coordinator’s signature ______________________________ Date __________________