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BOSTON COLLEGE

AGREEMENT ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SUMMARY: *This document sets forth (1) the signatory's agreement to abide by the terms of the University's Intellectual Property Policy and (2) the signatory's agreement to the intellectual property terms accepted on his or her behalf in sponsored agreements. It is agreed by the University that no agreement will be signed unless the principal investigator has been informed of the terms and conditions and accepts them.*

Introduction

Boston College has adopted an "Intellectual Property Policy". That Policy, as amended from time to time, applies to all members of the University, and in particular to anyone who participates in externally sponsored programs. Also, Federal policy requires the University to obtain written agreements from professional staff members of Federally sponsored programs regarding their obligations for reporting and assignment of inventions. In order to achieve consistency in applying the University's policies, it will be the practice of the University to accept and execute sponsored agreements only if the Principal Investigator and other relevant employees have signed an Agreement on Intellectual Property. Further, it will be the practice of the University to have individuals sign this Agreement only once and that such Agreements will be kept on file in the Office for Technology Transfer and Licensing.

Agreement

1. I have read and I understand and agree to be bound by the terms of the University's "Intellectual Property Policy", Policy Number 4-200-150, as well as by the terms of any revisions or amendments adopted by the University.¹
2. In particular, I agree to report promptly to the Office for Technology Transfer and Licensing any invention or discovery conceived or first reduced to practice as part of or related to my University activities, and to assign or confirm in writing to the University all rights to such invention or discovery if that is required by the University's obligations to external sponsors or by University policy.
3. I understand that the University sometimes accepts obligations under the terms of agreements which are binding on those participating in externally sponsored programs. Therefore, if I am associated with such a program, I understand that it is my responsibility to ascertain the terms of such agreements as they relate to me. I agree to do so and abide by all applicable terms of such agreements.

¹ The Intellectual Property Policy can be found at <http://www.bc.edu/offices/policies/meta-elements/doc/policies/IV/4-200-150.shtml>.

4. I also understand that there may be instances in which University policy or the University's obligations to external sponsors may preclude my being able to retain copyright and I agree in such cases to assign all rights to the University or its designee. I further understand that, in its agreements with external sponsors, the University seeks to retain maximum publication rights for its members and itself.
5. I will cooperate fully, at no expense to me, with the University or its designee in the evaluation and prosecution of patents, in the registration of copyrights, and in the preparation and execution of all documents necessary or incidental thereto.
6. I am now under no obligation to any person, organization, or corporation with respect to any rights in inventions, discoveries, or copyrightable materials which are, or could be reasonably construed to be, in conflict with this Agreement.
7. I recognize that this Agreement is part of the terms of my appointment at the University and that its obligations in regard to my activities while holding a University appointment shall continue after termination of my University appointment.
8. Finally, this agreement shall apply to all copyrightable materials created, and to all inventions made, conceived or first actually reduced to practice after the date of this Agreement is signed, and shall be binding on myself, my estate, heirs, and assigns.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____