Innovation & New Ventures at Northwestern
Today’s Goals

1. Who are we & what do we do at Northwestern?
2. What does the invention disclosure process look like?
3. What should research administrators know about INVO?
4. How can you learn more about what we do at INVO?
INVO | Our Mission

To catalyze the translation of Northwestern innovations to benefit the public

- Become a source of impactful innovations and products that improve lives
- Become a magnet for entrepreneurial talent
INVO | Our Activities

Technology Transfer
- IP Support (Consultation, Filing, Office Actions, etc.)
- Technology Evaluations
- Marketing Efforts

Innovation & Entrepreneurship Programming
- Workshops
- Seminars
- Mentoring
- Internships
- Coordination with Classes, etc.

Space
- The Garage
- Faculty Hub
- University Memberships (mHub, 1871 & MATTER)

Funds
- N.XT Fund ($10M)
- NuSeeds Fund ($4M)
INVO | Areas of Innovation

- Life sciences
- Physical sciences
- Therapeutics
- Engineering
- Nanotechnology
- Biotechnology
- Advanced materials
- Medical devices
- Chemistry
- Electronics
- Research tools
- Manufacturing
Technology Transfer

Technology transfer activities focus on moving technology from the University to the public domain

BAYH-DOLE ACT of 1980
Change in IP Ownership

BAYH-DOLE ACT

NEW PRODUCTS

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Impact of Bayh-Dole on IP*

PRE-BAYH-DOLE

<250 issued patent/year

30k university patents

5% led to new products

POST-BAYH-DOLE

5-6k issued patents/year (‘12-’14)

80k university patents (‘94-’14)

10-15% new products (‘12-’14)

Significant Economic Impact of Bayh-Dole Act

5000 startup companies

>$500B GDP increase

3.8M US jobs

*AUTM US Licensing Activity Survey Highlights 2012-2014
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Venture Funds

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An **INVENTION DISCLOSURE** is Northwestern’s record of an invention, the inventors involved, sponsorships, & other public disclosures and publications.

Inventors should plan to submit their invention disclosure **3-4 weeks prior to a public disclosure**

- Posters/abstracts/proceedings
- Journal articles, book chapters
- Conference presentations
- Some departmental seminars & thesis defenses
- Some grant proposals

**DISCLOSING AN INVENTION TO INVO DOES NOT PROTECT AN INVENTION. A PATENT APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE USPTO**
Reasons to Disclose to INVO

1. PROTECT COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL
   INVO can provide feedback on how to proceed in the commercialization process.

2. PROTECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
   If IP protection is appropriate, INVO can maximize IP protection if invention is disclosed in advance of public disclosure.

3. FULFILL NU’S RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT TO RESEARCH SPONSORS
   INVO must report all inventions to respective public and private research sponsors.

4. IMPROVE MARKETING WITH INDUSTRY PARTNERS
   INVO can help provide industry with insight into available technologies and the research that is taking place at the university.
The Invention Disclosure

Policies and Forms

Access policies and forms related to disclosing, patenting and commercializing inventions, including royalty distribution, intellectual property and conflict of interest.

Disclosure forms

- Invention Disclosure Form
- Lurie Invention Disclosure Form: For Pediatrics faculty with a Lurie appointment (more info)
- Copyright Disclosure Form: Includes but not limited to literary and artistic works
- Software Disclosure Form: Includes but not limited to source code
- Research Reagent/Research Tool Registry
Invention Disclosure Form

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**INVENTION DISCLOSURE FORM**

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<th>NU #</th>
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*Please COMPLETE, SIGN and SEND with any relevant attachments by EMAIL to: invodisclosure@northwestern.edu*

**INVENTION TITLE**

**INVENTOR(S):**

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<th>NAME (first, middle, last, title)</th>
<th>NU SCHOOL or Janet Institution</th>
<th>DEPT. OR APPOINTMENT (w/ Division if Medical)</th>
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**SOURCES OF SUPPORT, RESEARCH SPONSORS AND GRANT NUMBERS:**

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*All Funding Sources and Grant Numbers must be noted.*

- U.S. Federal Agency
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- Funded by internal resources provided by the granting or receiving institution.

**SUBCONTRACTOR INFORMATION:**

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Invention Disclosure Form

- Describe the invention in a less technical manner.
- What is the relevance to the public?

- Describe the invention in a more technical manner.
- This helps our team and outside counsel to understand how this invention is distinct from other inventions.
Note work that is similar and differentiate. Better to disclose information upfront.
Provide COMPLETE contact information.*

- Name should be a LEGAL name—what’s on a passport and legal documents.
- For patent filing, we need to include the country of citizenship.
- Please inform us of any address changes for future correspondences & royalty checks.
- Electronic signature is acceptable.

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Life of a Patented Technology

1. Disclosure Submission
2. Prior Art Analysis
3. Invention Assessment
4. Provisional Patent App
5. Utility Patent App
7. Foreign Issued Patent

- 30 Days
- 1 Year
- 3-5 Years

Enabled application? Identifiable market? Non-problematic FTO?
Licensee on horizon? Licensee willingness to pay?
Important Take-Homes

- Complete the disclosure as thoroughly as possible.
- Be available to meet with IM to discuss your technology.
- Respond to IM as quickly as possible as they may have time-sensitive questions.
- Send relevant updates to IM, such as future public disclosures or technology development.
Commercializing Technologies

1. **Explore Additional Sponsored Research Opportunities**
   INVO coordinates with other offices to review IP stipulations. Ideally, several weeks are needed to review these agreements.

2. **License Technology to Existing Company**
   INVO helps identify and negotiate license agreements. If there’s interest, IMs contact faculty to discuss.

3. **Create University Startup**
   INVO has Startup Guide online.
Northwestern Licensees (Past & Present)
Our Startup Playground

- Diagnostic Fingerprinting
- Nanomaterials
- Personalized Medicine
- Geolocation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Nanoparticles
- Therapeutics
- Biotechnology
- Big Data
- Tangible Haptics
- Machine Learning
- Robotics
- High Performance Alloys
- Medical Devices
- Advanced Materials
- Biomedical 3D Printing
- Nanofabrication
- Cancer Diagnostics
- Wearables
- Point of Care Diagnostics
- Thin Film Transistors
- Surgical Devices
- Software Encryption
- Electricity Storage
- Software Optimization
- Microfluidics
- Sound Engineering
- Plastic Recycling
Northwestern Startups
NU Startup Funding & Acquisitions

$56M+  SBIR/STTR Funded Active Startups (2006-2016)

$306M+  VC-Backed Startups

$2.72B+  Acquired Startups
Recent Issues for Discussion

Pre-Award
  • Commercialization Plan or IP Provisions – Reach out to INVO/Invention Manager early

Disclosures – Key items
  • Employee ID to identify personnel @ NU – our system is linked to myHR
  • Funding accuracy
    • Corrections result in costly fees to NU – each one can be hundreds of $
    • When possible, include grant Project Award Summary as an attachment to disclosure

Agency Requests
  • If you are ever asked from an agency about reporting, please reach out to INVO early
  • iEdison Reporting – INVO takes care of this; Please reach out to INVO/Invention Manager if asked by agency
  • Foundation/Private funding compliance – INVO takes care of this; Please reach out to INVO if asked by agency
Ways to Learn More about INVO

WEBSITE: Visit www.invo.northwestern.edu. For global I&E, visit https://www.northwestern.edu/innovation/index.html
INVO NEWSLETTER: Sign up on our home page
SOCIAL MEDIA: Follow us on Twitter (@INVOatNU)
STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES: INVO Practicum Interns and N.XT Associates
THANK YOU

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