



Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy
Sampurnanand Sanskrit University,
Varanasi

1. Introduction

Sampurnanand Sanskrit University recognizes the vital role that intellectual property rights, including patents, play in fostering innovation, creativity, and the dissemination of knowledge. This Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy aims to provide clear guidelines and procedures for the protection, management, and commercialization of intellectual property, with a particular emphasis on patents developed by faculty, staff, researchers, and students of the University. The objective of this IPR Policy is to:

- a) Foster a culture of innovation and creativity among faculty, staff, and students of the University.
- b) Protect the intellectual property rights of the creators and the University.
- c) Ensure transparent ownership, control, and assignment of intellectual properties.
- d) Facilitate the commercial exploitation and transfer of intellectual property for the socio-economic benefit of the University and the country.

2. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this IPR Policy:

- a) "Copyright" means the exclusive right granted by law for a certain period of time to an author to reproduce, print, publish, and sell copies of their creative work.
- b) "Creator" means any employee, faculty, staff, researcher, or student of the University who is responsible for the creation of an intellectual property, using the facilities and resources of the University.
- c) "Intellectual Property" broadly includes any property generated out of the intellectual effort of the creator(s), including but not limited to patents, copyrights, designs, know-how, trademarks, and trade secrets.
- d) "IPR Committee" refers to the committee constituted by the University to evaluate and make recommendations regarding IP-related issues.
- e) "Patent" means a patent granted under the relevant patent laws for a new and useful invention or process.

f) "Patentee" means the person or entity for the time being entered on the Register of Patents as the generator or proprietor of the patent.

g) "Revenue" refers to any payment received by the University for the licensing or commercial exploitation of intellectual property.

3. Ownership and Protection of Intellectual Property

3.1 Ownership:

a) The University shall be the owner of all intellectual properties, including patents, copyrights, and designs, created by the faculty, staff, researchers, and students of the University in the course of their employment or study at the University, unless specific agreements/contracts are entered into that govern the ownership of such intellectual property.

b) In cases where the research leading to the creation of intellectual property is funded by external agencies or organizations, ownership and licensing rights will be determined by the terms of the funding agreement or contract. The University will ensure clear and explicit agreements are in place before undertaking such funded research.

c) If intellectual property is created as a result of sponsored research or consultancy projects where ownership and licensing rights are not specified in the contract, the University and the sponsor shall jointly own the intellectual property. The University may enter into separate agreements/contracts with the sponsor for the licensing or transfer of intellectual property, specifying any additional fees or royalties.

d) The University recognizes the rights of creators to negotiate and protect intellectual property that is created outside their official duties and roles at the University, provided it is unrelated to the use of University resources or facilities.

3.2 Disclosure: It is the responsibility of all creators/inventors to promptly disclose any invention or discovery to the University's Intellectual Property Cell (IPC) in writing, providing all necessary details and supporting documentation. The University encourages open and timely disclosure to facilitate proper evaluation, protection, and commercialization of intellectual property.

3.3 Protection: Upon receipt of an invention disclosure, the IPC shall evaluate the invention's novelty, inventiveness, and commercial potential. The IPC, in collaboration with the creators/inventors, shall determine the appropriate course of action, including patent filings in India or other countries, as necessary. The University shall endeavor to protect and enforce the intellectual property rights of its creators/inventors.

4. Patent Management and Commercialization

4.1 Patent Filings: The University recognizes the importance of securing patent protection for inventions with significant commercial potential. The IPC shall work closely with the creators/inventors to assess the commercial viability of an invention and, if deemed appropriate, initiate the necessary steps for intellectual property protection, including patent filings. The IPC shall maintain a systematic record of patent applications and their status.

4.2 Patent Licensing: The University aims to actively promote the commercialization of its patented technologies for the benefit of society. The IPC shall proactively identify potential licensees, negotiate licensing agreements, and facilitate the transfer of technology to interested parties. The licensing agreements shall be fair, reasonable, and in compliance with prevailing laws and regulations.

4.3 Revenue Sharing: In the event of any commercialization of patented technologies, the University shall determine the revenue sharing mechanism in consultation with the creators/inventors. The University may allocate a portion of the revenue generated from licensing or other commercialization activities towards research and development, infrastructure enhancement, and further fostering innovation at the University. The revenue sharing policy shall be transparent and based on the contribution of the creators/inventors, as well as the University's support and investment.

4.4 Start-up Support: The University acknowledges the significance of promoting entrepreneurship and innovation. In cases where creators/inventors express interest in establishing start-up ventures based on their patented technologies, the University shall provide support and guidance. This support may

include access to incubation facilities, mentorship programs, networking opportunities, and assistance with funding and business development.

5. Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure

The University recognizes the importance of maintaining the confidentiality of disclosed inventions during the evaluation, patenting, and licensing processes. All parties involved, including the IPC, evaluators, and potential licensees, shall be bound by appropriate confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements to safeguard the intellectual property rights of the creators/inventors.

6. Education and Awareness

The University shall undertake various initiatives to educate and create awareness about intellectual property rights, patents, and their significance among faculty, staff, researchers, and students. These initiatives may include workshops, seminars, training programs, and dissemination of information through appropriate channels. The University aims to foster a culture of innovation, creativity, and responsible intellectual property management among its community.

7. Dispute Resolution

In the event of any disputes or conflicts related to the ownership, protection, management, or commercialization of intellectual property, the University shall establish a transparent and fair dispute resolution mechanism. The mechanism shall provide an opportunity for all parties involved to present their arguments and seek resolution in a timely manner.

8. Jurisdiction

This IPR Policy shall be governed by the laws of the jurisdiction of Varanasi where Sampurnanand Sanskrit University is located, and any legal disputes arising

out of or in connection with this policy shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts in that jurisdiction.

9. Review and Amendments

This IPR Policy shall be periodically reviewed and updated by the University to align with emerging best practices, changes in laws and regulations, and the evolving needs of the University's intellectual property ecosystem. Amendments to this policy shall be made with due process and appropriate consultation with relevant stakeholders.

This Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Policy shall come into effect from the date of approval by the BOS and EC of Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, and shall supersede any earlier policies or guidelines on the subject matter.

Date of Approval:



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