**WHAT DO WE DO?**

- UTEP’s Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC) manages UTEP’s intellectual property and facilitates the transfer of technologies into commercial products.
- We provide educational resources to UTEP faculty and student innovators, assist start-ups with new company formation and businesses plan development, and provide fundraising and resource matching activities.

**OWNERSHIP OF YOUR INVENTION**

**UT policy (Rule 90101 Intellectual Property):**
https://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents/rules/90101-intellectual-property

**Sec. 6 | Students and Intellectual Property.**
A student enrolled at a U. T. System institution, such as in an undergraduate or graduate degree program or certificate program, including a postdoctoral and predoctoral fellow, owns the intellectual property he or she creates (a) in courses, (b) during extracurricular activities, and (c) while using the resources and facilities of U. T. System institutions commonly provided for a student’s use and for which a student has paid tuition and fees, unless:

6.1 The student is also an employee of the U. T. System or any U. T. System institution and the intellectual property is developed within the course and scope of his or her employment, in which case the provisions of this Rule relating to employees shall apply;

6.2 The student works on a work-for-hire or institutional project as described by Section 8, in which case Section 8 governs that work;

6.3 The student participates in a research project where any intellectual property created under that project has already been committed to, or encumbered by an agreement with, a governmental, philanthropic, corporate or other sponsor, including a sponsor as described in Section 12.1; or

6.4 The student jointly creates the intellectual property with a non-student, in which case this Rule (other than Section 6) and applicable law dictate ownership of the intellectual property as if the student was a non-student described in Section 3.
USEFUL RESOURCES

- **Patent Application and Prosecution:**
  TALA’s Patent Pro Bono program: http://talarts.org/inventors/
  Our office also has a list of preferred patent law firms

- **UTEP Entrepreneurship Programs:**
  UTEP’s Entrepreneurship Community of Practice: http://expertise.utep.edu/communities/entrepreneurshipcommunitypractice
  The Mike Loya Center for Innovation and Commerce: http://loyacenter.utep.edu/
  The Center for Hispanic Entrepreneurship: https://www.utep.edu/business/cfhe.html

- **Business and Legal Resources for New Ventures:**
  Y Combinator: early stage training and funding support: http://www.ycombinator.com/
  Clerky: legal support for startup formation: https://www.clerky.com/
  Ironclad: creation and management of business contracts: https://www.ironcladapp.com/

- **Local Resources:**
  The Hub of Human Innovation: incubation and mentorship for startups: http://hubep.org/
  The Medical Center of the Americas: startup support for biomedical industry: http://www.mcafound.org/
  Technology Hub at Juarez: incubation, training and networking for startups: http://t-hub.mx/en
  The Borderplex Alliance: connection with local existing businesses and mentors: https://borderplexalliance.org/
  CoWork Oasis: cowork space, workshops and resources for startups https://coworkoasis.com/
  SBA El Paso: consulting and financial services for small businesses: https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/tx/el-paso
  Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce: connection with local existing businesses http://www.elpaso.org/

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