

7. PATENTS, COPYRIGHT & OTHER PROPRIETRY CLAIMS

It is recognized that in some instances, a discovery, which can be patented, or otherwise subjected to proprietary claims, may be made in the course of University research. Patents may be a substantial source of income.

When any faculty or staff member believes that he has conceived a possible invention, he should prepare a **Disclosure of Invention** as soon as possible. The Disclosure is a legal document describing the invention and the name of the inventor(s) and the date of first conception. Inclusion as part of the Disclosure are drawings, sketches, and other pertinent data to show the principles of the invention's operation and performance. The inventor(s) must sign and date each page of the Disclosure and all the sketches and data sheets. Each page of the Disclosure must also be signed by at least two witnesses. If possible, a working model of the invention should be prepared and tested before witnesses.

The following policies were adopted by the University Board regarding ownership of patents, copyrights, and other proprietary claims to research:

7.1 Basic Departmental Research

Any copyrights or patent rights that may result from such University-sponsored research shall be the joint property of the individual credited with the discovery or creative effort, and King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in the following proportions:

Individual	one-third
Department	one-third
University	one-third

Research conducted by the individual University employee, done on his own time, without reduction in work and teaching load, and without financial sponsorship from the University, or use of its facilities and resources, shall be his sole property.

7.2 Organized Project Research

Any copyrights or patent rights that may result from such research shall be the joint property of the individuals noted in the contract and the University on whatever percentage is determined at the time of awarding the grant. (Note: It may be in three equal parts as in Basic Departmental Research; or it may be zero with the findings released to the public domain.)

7.3 Sponsored Contract Project Research

Any Copyrights or patent rights which may result from a contract with external agencies shall be assigned as determined by the terms of the contract.

