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No formalized research, patent or copyright policy (although under study by the College Committee on Research); as a general practice, each case is handled individually on its merits, although in some cases, as in the agricultural experiment station and in the Division of Industrial Research, which includes the engineering experiment station, the assignment of potential inventions and discoveries, expecially those growing out of sponsored research projects, is required.

Patent management agent: State College of Washington Research Foundation, a separately incorporated nonprofit organization established 14 July 1939.

Incentives program: the State College of Washington Research Foundation is authorized to enter into contracts or trust agreements with inventors with respect to the disposition of patent rights on their inventions and the distribution of earnings from the sale or exploitation of patents obtained on the inventions under terms and conditions mutually agreed upon.

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Formalized research and patent policy, approved 10 January 1950 by the Board of Regents of the University; applicable on a university-wide basis, including the Applied Physics Laboratory, which is engaged largely in government sponsored research:

1. Equities. The principle is hereby recognized that there are usually three interests involved in connection with research work and invention performed in the University by or under the direction of the research and teaching staffs of the University. These three interests are the research worker or inventor, the University, and the general public whose taxes and gifts support the University. If the research is financed wholly or in part by an outside agency, an additional interest exists.

In general these interests are best served by immediate publication and dissemination of the results of the research. In some cases, however, the interests of all are best protected by patenting the discoveries and inventions resulting from the research.

2. Patents. Neither individuals nor universities ordinarily have the experience and resources for the preparation and prosecution of patent applications, or for the exploitation of a patent once it is granted. Consequently the Foundation for Research at the University of Washington was established in 1945 as a nonprofit corporation primarily through alumni initiative to serve as an agency for the processing and exploitation of patents. Patentable research and invention shall be reported to a University Patent Committee which is advisory to the President of the University. If the results of a particular research are such as to warrant patenting, staff members shall be required to assign their rights to the Foundation, with the understanding that they will participate in the net profits derived from the exploitation of the patent.

Research work financed wholly or in part by an outside sponsor comes under the special provisions of the contract covering such work. All staff members or employees engaged on such research work are bound by the provisions incorporated in the agreement covering the work.

An invention in which the University has no vested interest, i.e., one which is developed by a faculty member on his own time and without the use of University facilities, may be voluntarily submitted by the faculty member to the Foundation for consideration as to its patentability and for subsequent processing and exploitation if accepted. In such case, the inventor will participate in the net profits derived from the patent on a basis mutually agreeable.

If the Foundation decides not to undertake the patenting of an invention, the Foundation and the University shall then waive all rights to the invention and the inventor shall be free to take such steps as he may wish and at his own expense.

Patent management agent: Research Corporation, acting under contract in cooperation with the Foundation for Research at the University of Washington, a separately incorporated nonprofit organization established 27 March 1942, through alumni initiative to foster research activity at the University and to handle patents for the University.

Incentives program: as indicated in the policy statement, the equities of the inventor in his invention are recognized; when an invention is assigned to the Foundation for Research at the University of Washington, or to Research Corporation, the inventor participates in the net profits derived from the sale or exploitation of patents on the invention on a mutually agreeable basis.

No copyright policy other than general encouragement of immediate publication and dissemination of research results.

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