

# TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION AND LICENSING

The Polsky Center works closely with faculty and researchers to help them transform their groundbreaking ideas and discoveries into products, services, and new ventures.



## COMMERCIALIZE YOUR INVENTION:

The University's technology transfer office, formerly known as UChicagoTech, is now part of the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Within the Polsky Center, there is a dedicated team with deep technical expertise that is exclusively focused on technology commercialization and licensing (TCL).

The TCL team performs market analysis, manages intellectual property, identifies partners and negotiates partnerships and licenses for technologies developed by faculty, researchers, and staff- including those from the Marine Biological Lab.

## SUPPORT FOR FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS:

- **Intellectual Property:** Work with the TCL team to safeguard your discovery and protect your interests by securing patents and IP.
- **Licensing:** The TCL team forms partnerships with new and existing companies by negotiating license agreements or providing UCGo! Startup Licenses.
- **Industry Relations:** Leverage the TCL team's industry connections and work with them to build collaborative relationships with companies interested in your area of research.
- **Venture Support:** Tap into the TCL team's expertise and leverage the Polsky Center's full suite of venture support resources, which include specialized mentorship and proof-of-concept funding.

## GET STARTED:

Completing an invention disclosure form is the first step to engaging with the TCL team in the commercialization process.

## WHY DISCLOSE?

Certain discoveries, inventions, and materials are best disseminated through IP protection and commercial partnerships. The TCL team evaluates the best route to maximize the impact of University research. In addition, Federal grants and other research sponsors typically require that inventions made using those funds be disclosed to the University and reported to the funding source.

## HOW TO DISCLOSE YOUR INVENTION:

Download the form at:  
[bit.ly/PolskyTCL](https://bit.ly/PolskyTCL)

## QUESTIONS:

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