

# 17.01.07 Administration, Oversight and Reporting of Intellectual Property



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## Regulation Summary

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This regulation defines the reporting requirements and role of Texas A&M Innovation (TI) in providing oversight for the management of intellectual property (IP) owned or controlled by The Texas A&M University System (system).

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## Definitions

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## Regulation

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### 1. OVERSIGHT AND GUIDANCE

- 1.1 TI reports operationally to the system vice chancellor for research.
- 1.2 The Innovation Advisory Council (IAC) is chaired by the chancellor or a person selected by the chancellor and comprised of members and advisors selected by the chair. The IAC meets no less than annually and advises the chancellor on commercialization issues, including, but not limited to, budgetary concerns of TI, TI assessment methodology/metrics, operational issues of TI, commercialization funding strategies, system intellectual property regulations, the oversight/management of the commercialization development fund (as established by System Regulation *17.01.04, Distribution of Royalties, License Fees and Sale Proceeds from Licensing*), and other intellectual property and commercialization matters.
- 1.3 The Council of Inventors (CI) is chaired by an IP creator appointed by the chancellor or designee and comprised of IP creators. The CI meets no less than annually and reviews annual reports provided by TI, shares best practices, and makes recommendations to the IAC and chancellor or designee concerning matters relating to intellectual property and commercialization.

### 2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1 In compliance with Section 51.912 of the Texas Education Code, the system Board of Regents (board) must file a report identifying (a) all employees who conceive, create, discover, invent or develop intellectual property and have an equity interest in or serve

as an employee, officer or member of the governing board of business entities that have agreements with the system relating to the research, development, licensing or exploitation of intellectual property for which they are the creator and in which the system has an ownership interest, and (b) all individuals who serve, at the request of the system, as a member of the governing board of business entities that have agreements with the system relating to the research, development, licensing or exploitation of intellectual property in which the system has an ownership interest. The report is filed in accordance with the requirements of Section 51.005 of the Texas Education Code.

- 2.2 TI prepares a public annual report and a confidential board report each fiscal year. The public annual report includes, but is not limited to, commercialization efforts, commercialization metrics about invention disclosures, patents, and license agreements, and a financial summary for the past fiscal year. The confidential board report includes, but is not limited to, investment holdings on technology commercialization investments, including detailed investment holdings, transaction reports, valuation of holdings and material events that affect the value of the investments since the last report, and third-party licensing agreements information. For the third-party license agreements information, the confidential board report includes an overview of each licensee's compliance with license terms and resulting gains to the system through financial return or increased research funding. TI submits the public annual report and confidential board report to the system board, chancellor, and System Office of General Counsel within 90 days of the end of each fiscal year. TI will publish the public annual report within 120 days of the end of each fiscal year.

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## **Related Statutes, Policies or Requirements**

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[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.005](#)

[Tex. Educ. Code § 51.912](#)

[Tex. Educ. Code Ch. 153](#)

[System Policy 07.03, \*Conflicts of Interest, Dual Office Holding and Political Activities\*](#)

[System Policy 17.01, \*Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization\*](#)

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## **Member Rule Requirements**

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A rule is not required to supplement this regulation.

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