Intellectual Property Agreement

Under Arkansas State University Intellectual Property Policy, which by definition applies to graduate students, patentable inventions resulting from research are the sole property of the University. The inventors will retain beneficial rights in their inventions and will receive a share of the proceeds generated as outlined in the IP policy. More than one person may be involved in making an invention in the case of collaborative or team research, which can effect the distribution of these proceeds. See the Arkansas State University Intellectual Property Policy for more details.

THESIS/DISSERTATION: Publication of graduate student thesis research results, which have been funded by external agencies, will not normally be delayed. In exceptional circumstances the University may in its sole discretion, accept delays requested by the sponsoring agency. It is the understanding that the student's degree will not be delayed by the University's desire to keep research results confidential. Formal written notification to delay publication of the thesis or dissertation due to clauses in funding agreements (e.g., Export Control, see the Office of Research and Technology Transfer) coming from the research advisor and signed by the graduate student must be directed to the Graduate Program Committee.

INVENTIONS: Whether as a direct result of thesis/dissertation research or as an outgrowth of other research activities occurring during the tenure of graduate research or as a result of activities within a formal or informal course, using University facilities and resources, or supported by University or State funds, inventions are the sole property of the University. Students may have inventorship rights and should consult the Office of Research and Technology Transfer concerning procedures for filing invention disclosures etc, after consultation with their faculty advisors or class instructors.

The signatories to this Agreement acknowledge their adherence to all Arkansas State University policies including the conflict of interest guidelines available at the Office of Research and Technology Transfer.

Name of Student	Signature of Student	Date	
Name of Student's Advisor	Signature of Student's Advisor*	Date	
Name of Program Director	Signature of Program Director	Date	
Name of ORT Responsible Staff	Signature for ORT Responsible Staff	Date	

* It is the responsibility of the supervisor to inform the student at the outset of the thesis/dissertation project of the University's policy on public access to thesis/dissertation results.