
CONFIDENTIAL
INVENTION DISCLOSURE

Your invention or idea is important (1) to your professional development; (2) to the University; and if applicable; (3) to your research sponsor. Inventions include new processes, products, apparatus, compositions of matter, living organisms OR improvements to (or new uses for) things that already exist. It is essential that it be reported promptly, so that it can be evaluated to determine if there is (a) sufficient novelty to permit patenting, and if so (b) sufficient commercial potential to justify a licensing program for industry. If necessary, please attach extra pages for further detail.

1a. Please print or type the name(s) and title(s) of the inventor(s) /creator(s):

Name	Title	Department	Telephone

1b. Contribution of each inventor/creator:

2. Invention title (ten words maximum):

3. Description of Invention: Attach description of invention, photographs, drawings, sketches, patent applications or any other descriptive material. Description should include the construction, the principles involved, the details of operation and alternative methods of construction or operation. (Sketches, drawings, photos, reports and manuscripts will be helpful).

4. What are the immediate and/or future applications of the invention?

5. Why is the invention better – more advantageous – than present technology? What are its novel and unusual features?

6. What critical commercial problem could this invention address?

7. Is work on the invention continuing? Are there limitations to be overcome or other tasks to be done prior to practical application? Are there any test data? Have products, apparatus or compositions, etc., actually been made and tested?

8. What further research and development is necessary or desirable before showing the invention to a potential industry licensee?

9. What is the approximate research investment required to commercialize?

10. Names and addresses (if known) of potential commercial partners:

11. Manufacturers presently making comparable equipment (if known):

12. Has the invention been disclosed to industry representatives? If “yes”, please provide details, including the names of companies and their representatives:

13. Was the work that led to this invention part of a collaboration with a non-Dalhousie party? If yes, identify party.

14. Has the material related to the project been received under an MTA? If yes, identify the Material and Provider, and provide agreement copies.

15. How much money was spent to develop this invention so far?

16. Is this discovery or idea related to a current compound under development?

17. Are there any previous patent filings of a related or analogous nature?

NOTE: Valid patent protection depends on accurate answers to the following questions:

18. Has the invention been disclosed in an abstract, paper, talk, committee meeting, news story or a thesis?

Type of disclosure:

(Including abstracts)

Disclosure Date(s)

Please enclose a copy of each

19. Is a publication or other disclosure planned in the next six (6) months?

Type of disclosure:

Disclosure Date:

(Enclose drafts, abstracts, preprints)

20. Has there been any public use or sale of products embodying the invention? Describe, giving dates:

21. Are you aware of related development by others? If "yes", please give citations. Copies of any relevant patents or publications would be appreciated.

22. If the research that led the invention was sponsored, please fill in the details below.

Sponsor name:

Contract/Grant Number:

23. Have any searches been performed?

24. Closest prior or related art (e.g. publications, patents, etc):

25. Most significant known differences from the closest prior or related art:

26. Current lead molecule (if any):

Signature of Inventor(s)/Creator(s)

Date: _____

Witnesses (must not be co-inventors)

Witness (1) _____

Witness (2) _____

Date: _____