



# **Tantia University**

**SRI GANGANAGAR (RAJASTHAN)**

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## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY (IPR POLICY)**

## **Introduction**

Tantia University is dedicated to excellence in teaching and research. Its IPR policy is designed to establish a framework for creating, promoting, supporting, and protecting university-generated inventions. The policy also seeks to raise awareness about intellectual assets and encourage consultancy, research projects, and commercialization of innovations for societal benefit.

## **Applicability**

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, and researchers at Tantia University.

## **Scope of the IPR Policy**

The policy covers all forms of intellectual property, including but not limited to:

- Patentable scientific and technological innovations, inventions, products, processes, and computer hardware/software.
- Copyright-protected works like industrial designs, creative works, research records, software, and websites.
- Trademarks, service marks, logos, and integrated circuit designs.
- IPR generated through consultancy, projects, dissertations, and other academic engagements.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of this policy are:

- To encourage creativity in academics, research, and other university activities.

- To protect the legitimate interests of all stakeholders and minimize conflicts of interest.
- To ensure a transparent system for IP ownership, revenue sharing, and control.
- To provide a single point of contact for IP-related queries.
- To promote responsible IP management and foster an IPR culture.
- To offer legal support for defending and protecting intellectual property.
- To ensure confidentiality until patents are filed and processed.

### Definitions

- **Priority Date:** The date when the first patent application for a technology is filed.
- **Inventor(s):** Individuals or groups responsible for creating the IP.
- **Applicant:** The person or entity that files the patent and holds the legal rights.
- **Technology Transfer:** The process of transferring research results, technologies, or methods to another organization for further development and commercialization.
- **Assignment:** Permanent transfer of IP ownership by the inventor.
- **Prior Art:** Information available to the public before a patent application that may affect its claims of originality.
- **Author(s):** Originators of creative or scholarly works.

### Ownership of Intellectual Property

- Tantia University will generally hold ownership of intellectual property created by its faculty, staff, or students using its resources, including funding, equipment, and facilities.
- IP created under any contract, collaboration, or external funding associated with the university will also be owned by Tantia University unless otherwise agreed upon.
- Contributions made by university faculty over time, including software, processes, or technology, will be university property.

### **Shared Ownership**

- If external funding is involved, IP rights will be shared between the university and the funding agency, subject to mutual agreement.
- Collaborative research or consultancy projects may also lead to shared IP ownership with the partnering organization.
- In cases involving government or private funding, IP ownership will be determined based on the respective contributions and funding agreements.

### **Waiver of IP Rights**

Tantia University reserves the right to discontinue the pursuit of an IP at any stage.

### **Patent Evaluation Process**

- A committee will evaluate the feasibility and commercial potential of each invention.

- If the committee does not approve the invention, the inventor may request further evaluation.
- In the case of provisional filing, the university will proceed promptly and conduct an initial patent search. If the invention is novel and within budget, it will be filed immediately.

### **Case Scenarios**

- If a faculty member leaves after filing, the project will be reassigned to another faculty member, and any benefits will go to the individual who develops the prototype.
- Faculty failing to develop a prototype within the specified timeline may face action, and costs for post-dating applications will be borne by the inventor.
- If an idea is rejected during internal evaluation, the inventor may file the patent at their own cost.

### **Copyright Ownership**

- Faculty, researchers, and students hold copyrights for academic publications, creative works, and artistic endeavors.
- Tantia University owns copyrights for materials developed using its resources, including software and teaching materials.
- The university expects faculty to respect the Indian Copyright Act of 1957 and obtain permissions for using copyrighted materials in their work.

### **Violations**

Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary actions, including termination or expulsion, in accordance with relevant laws.

### **Amendments**

The university reserves the right to modify or amend this policy as deemed necessary. The competent authority's decisions on interpretation will be final.

### **Technology Transfer**

The university will actively seek to commercialize its intellectual property through licensing or other arrangements. Creators may assist in this process and must ensure confidentiality during negotiations. Principal Investigators are not permitted to transfer technology independently without university approval.