

**REVISED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) POLICY OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SYSTEM \***

**ARTICLE 1  
COVERAGE**

- (1) *Personnel Covered* – This policy shall apply to all faculty members, researchers, students, staff and visiting professors undertaking research and/or creative activities pursuant to any program, project, grant or contract under the auspices of the university.
- (2) *Matters Covered* – This policy shall cover all research and/or creative activities, tangible research properties or outputs with or without patent or copyright protection, whether for commercial or non-commercial purpose, undertaken using any university resource and including all technology transfer arrangements.
- (3) *Rights Covered* – This shall cover all types of intellectual property rights recognized under Philippine laws such as the Intellectual Property Code as amended and the Plant Variety Protection Act as well as applicable laws of other states.
- (4) *Other Intellectual Property Rights* – This policy does not comprehensively cover guidelines for fair use of intellectual property rights owned by the university, university personnel or third parties.

**ARTICLE 2  
GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- (1) University resources should be used for university purposes and not for personal gain or personal commercial advantage nor for any other non-university purposes. The university subscribes to a policy of recognizing the traditional academic practice of treating faculty members as owners of inventions, works and other intellectual creations they produce without the use of university and/or third party funding and without the use of substantial university and/or third party resources, which are resources that are not ordinarily available to all faculty for traditional academic purposes which includes teaching, research and extension work.
- (2) The university encourages the faculty's full freedom in research and in the publication of their results subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties;
- (3) The university acknowledges that its efforts to generate income should be weighed against its principal responsibility to provide a favourable environment to explore knowledge for the benefit of the public in general;
- (4) The university accepts that in some cases, the recognition of intellectual property rights of authors and inventors are effective ways to ensure accountability and accessibility of knowledge and technologies.