

## **College of Agricultural Sciences**

### **Policy for Distribution of Intellectual Property-Related Licensing Revenue**

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Intellectual property-related licensing revenue (royalties, licensing fees, etc.) received for patents and inventions (including plant varieties) are distributed roughly in thirds to OSU Advantage, the unit (Department, School, Center) and the inventor(s). On July 1, 2017, Oregon State University changed the distribution such that the revenue currently going to the unit is now distributed to the College. No change occurred in the distribution of revenues to OSU Advantage or the Inventor(s). Current MOU's or other agreements that differ from policy remain intact.

The College will distribute the revenues it receives from a particular intellectual property-related license to the inventors' administrative unit(s). The distribution of the revenues within the unit will be the responsibility of the unit leader. Units are encouraged to have policies for distribution of these revenues within their unit and, for inventions created by multiple inventors from different units, with other units. Unless such an agreement exists, where there are multiple inventors from different units, the revenues will be shared among the units in the same proportion distributed to inventors. When an inventor has multiple home units, the units' share of the royalties will be split in proportion with the appointment.

The College retains the right to keep some portion of the revenue centrally in cases where the total revenue to a unit is high (e.g., >\$1,000,000). The proportion retained centrally would likely increase as the total revenue increased. The intent here is to maintain a balance between the desire to incentivize units to engage in licensing activities to address individual unit needs and the opportunity to use licensing revenue to address other college needs.