

NewsFlash!

As a follow-up to the DCG NewsFlash dated June 6, 2018, the University has developed the Intellectual Property - Assignment, Capture and Tracking (IP-ACT) system. IP-ACT serves as a portal to electronically send, collect and record IP Assignments. The Intellectual Property (IP) Assignment is required in order to comply with the recent changes in Bayh-Dole regulations that affect federal awards issued on or after May 14, 2018. The changes require USC to assure that all students, staff (except clerical) and faculty paid from federal funding sign a written agreement to:

- Assign all inventions resulting from federally funded research to the University
- Promptly disclose inventions to the University

Starting today, August 24th, USC students, staff and faculty paid from a sponsored project will receive an email request to complete the IP Assignment. The email request will provide a URL and direct the individual to log-in with their Shibboleth Username and Password. Once the IP Assignment is completed, the response will be recorded in IP-ACT and the individual will receive an email confirmation for his/her records. Please note, the IP Assignment only needs to be accepted once in order to participate in sponsored projects funded by federal agencies.

Additionally, as part of the award setup process, effective September 10, 2018, the Department of Contracts and Grants (DCG) will review new federal award or award modification for compliance with the above requirement. In the event, named USC project personnel identified on the awarded budget have not completed or declined the IP Assignment, the Principal Investigator and individual(s) will be contacted, informed of the requirement and, if applicable, an email request sent from IP-ACT. Over the next month, additional guidance will be distributed regarding the process for securing IP Assignments from To Be Named project personnel.

Questions? If you have any questions, please contact your [DCG Officer](#) in the Department of Contracts and Grants.