

INNOVATION RESOURCES FOR FACULTY

USC conducts research for the benefit of all segments of society. These benefits result from new knowledge and discovery, the free sharing of research products (publications, data, software, standards, protocols, etc.) and the commercialization of software, diagnostics, therapeutics and other technology. Under USC policy, commercialization financially benefits the individual inventors and creators as well as university research, such as through the [New Directions in Research](#) program.

As announced earlier this year, the Stevens Center has also established an optional innovation program that matches faculty inventor investments of intellectual property income in research laboratories at USC. Thus, commercialization can directly support a faculty member's future research and innovation.

The technology transfer process relies on the disclosure of inventions to the university, which initiates: (1) filing of provisional patents, (2) marketing of inventions to prospective licensees, and (3) satisfaction of obligations to the U.S. Government and other research sponsors. Disclosure is a [simple process](#) completed on-line through the [Sophia system](#). Prompt disclosure is essential to protecting inventions and is required for all federally funded (and non-federal) research. It is much better to disclose early than to hesitate.

Please consult the resources below, or [contact your Licensing Associate](#) for more information on technology transfer at USC, and the many pathways through which research can benefit society, inventors/creators and USC research.

USC Tech Transfer Guidance

[USC Intellectual Property Policy](#)

[Intellectual Property Guidance for Students](#)

[Software Distribution](#)

[Data Management and Sharing](#)

[Release of Patent Rights to Inventors](#)

[USC Stevens Center Startup Investment Program](#)

[USC Stevens Center Technology Advancement Grants](#)

Obligations Under USC Policies and Federal Regulations

[Disclosure Obligations](#)

[Obligations Under Federally Funded Research](#)

[USC Conflict of Interest in Research Policy](#)

Webpages with Additional Information

[Stevens Center for Innovation](#): intellectual property protection, licensing, commercialization

[Success Stories](#): technology transfer success stories from the Stevens Center

[Innovation resources for students and faculty](#): listing of major programs and resources

[Incubate.usc](#): events, activities and innovation organizations at USC

[Featured Innovations at USC](#): highlighted innovations, including those that were commercialized and those that were offered for free.