

## Understanding UNE's Student Intellectual Property (IP) Policy

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This primer is intended to help you understand what IP is, when you might be expected to share your IP with UNE and to





of the song. Whether a person is an exclusive owner or a joint owner can be complicated and depends on the specific facts of each circumstance. Often people will discuss ownership up front and commit their agreements to writing to avoid confusion later.

If you will be working with UNE as an employee (part-time or full-time) or participating in a project that is being funded or sponsored by UNE, UNE may have rights to the works you are creating as your employer, as a joint owner or as a result of an agreement. If you have any questions whether UNE may have rights to the copyrights in the works you are creating you can direct those to WKH FRQWDFW E HORZ.

Patents protect innovations that are new (novel), useful and non-obvious. Patents can cover a wide range of innovations. The owner of a patent has the exclusive right to make, use, sell and import any product covered by the patent for a limited period of time, usually 20 years from when a patent application is filed with the USPTO. Unlike a copyright, a patent only exists if a formal patent application n4 (m-4 ( wf)15 ( )-54)0 (m-49)-9

## Summary

Understanding whether your creativity and innovations can be protected as IP, seeking formal protection for your IP, and trying to commercialize your IP can all be complicated and expensive. UNE may be able to assist you by providing guidance, resources and funding. If UNE agrees to provide you with significant assistance, resources or funding, it may ask that you provide it with certain rights to your IP pursuant to a written agreement. Absent such an agreement and/or you being an employee of UNE, as between UNE and you, you own your IP.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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