Michigan Tech Policy Highlights

Board of Control policies on research, IP, licensing, and contracts.

Research Objectives

18.1.1

The research objectives of Michigan Technological University are:

- 1. To encourage scholarship and to assist and improve education.
- 2. To discover and disclose new knowledge.
- 3. To promote the utilization of new discoveries for the public benefit.
- 4. To aid, encourage, and support industry, particularly within Michigan.
- 5. To support the research objectives of State and Federal agencies.

The University supports research for these stated objectives and not merely because the ideas involved may be potentially profitable.

IP Protection and License Revenue

18.1.4.b

The University may claim patent and/or proprietary rights where a concept is reduced to practice with the use of University facilities or in the course of employment.

18.1.2.b

The University will seek a patent when it is judged to be an appropriate and effective means of disseminating knowledge or of promoting the utilization of new discoveries for the public benefit.

18.1.2.c

If the University receives any royalty and/or other income from the sale or licensing of any patent or other proprietary rights, it will provide, consistent with the other provisions of this policy, a share of any royalties and/or other income received by the University for the inventor or inventors...

Contract Requirements

18.1.4.a

The University will state the terms and conditions of proprietary rights in every research contract that is negotiated...

Contract Exemptions

18.1.4.b

The University may claim no equity in inventions developed without the use of its funds, facilities, or equipment. ("funds" includes grant funds).

Operating Procedure 11.1

Books, articles, manuscripts, and works of art (except to the extent that they contain proprietary information related to inventions or computer software) are not included in this policy.