

Texas A&M University-Texarkana’s policies are clear concerning ownership of materials, compensation, copyright issues, and the use of revenue derived from the creation and production of all intellectual property. These policies apply to all students, faculty, and staff.

Policies

A&M-Texarkana is very fortunate to have the *Texas A&M System’s Office of Technology Commercialization* (TTC) as the experts in both documentation and protection of intellectual property. As part of the A&M System, all questions, issues and documentation related to intellectual property, commercialization and disclosures are handled through the TTC office.

System rule 17.01 clearly outlines, defines and describes the necessary elements involved in intellectual property management and commercialization. This rule applies to “all employees of the system and its members including, but not limited to, full and part time faculty and staff...”.

The system rule differentiates ownership of the property (e.g., creator owned, system owned, member owned), protection of ownership, appropriate and necessary disclosure statements, and licensing. These policies and procedures cover items such as course created materials, software development and technologies/materials developed.

Further, rule 17.01 clearly articulates the distribution of royalties, licensing fees, and sales of copyrightable items both before and after June 1, 2006. The table below provides the mandated distributions associated with this rule.

Distribution of profits on items licensed or sold on or before June 1, 2006

Entity	Percentage of Profits minus any costs incurred
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	for legal protection
Creator	37.5%
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	37.5%
Office of Technology Commercialization	25%

Distribution of profits on items licensed or sold after June 1, 2006

Entity	Percentage of Profits minus any costs incurred for legal protection
Creator	40%
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	40%
Office of Technology Commercialization	20%

In instances where the faculty/staff or student plans to enter into an agreement with a company/entity that will need to include a confidentiality agreement, we utilize the services and professionals at Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES). The process includes the development of a formal contract (see attachments for an examples), which is sent to TEES for review and comment. Once approved, the signed agreement may be used by A&M-Texarkana and the company as a legally binding document. Please see Dr. McHenry if you have plans to enter into such an agreement.