INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION PROCEDURE

FORMS REQUIRED

Disclosure Form

- Patent Disclosure
- Trademark Disclosure
- Design Application Disclosure
- Publication Disclosure

IP OFFICE RESPONSIBILITIES

INVENTOR/S RESPONSIBILITIES

1. PRELIMINARY MEETING

The inventor meets with the TTI/IP Department and presents an overview of the invention. 3rd Stream Income to be discussed and agreed upon. Agreement where applicable to be drawn-up and signed by Management.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

IP Assistant ensures all disclosure forms are readily available on DUT website/staff portal.

Inventor/s to complete the relevant disclosure form and forward to the IP Manager.

3. EVALUATION AND SUBMISSION OF INVENTION

Details of invention are logged onto IP registers. Disclosure form submitted to the relevant Patent Attorney's.

4. PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION

Provisional specification received at the IP office and routed to the inventor/s for revision.

Specification drawn by IP Attorney to be approved by the inventor.

5. FINAL SUBMISSION

Once provisional specification approved by inventor/s it is re-submitted to patent attorney.

Inventors are given 1 year to prove concept and test market and/or make amendments.

6. FILING FOR A PCT

A year later a decision is made regarding filing for a full patent application (PCT). Yearly Trademark & Design Rights renewals to be completed.

7. APPLICATION FOR IP INCENTIVE FUNDING FROM TIA

Apply for IP incentive funding from TIA for all IP registration for preceding academic year.

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