A Graduate Student, an Opportunity and the Institution

Navigating Relevant BU Policies 9-29-2020



Guiding Principles

	Laws	Ethics	Morals
Policy			
Procedure			
Courtesy			



Intellectual Property Policy

- BU owns IP created through BU activities
- Individuals own IP created outside of BU activity with no use of BU resources (facilities, labors, equipment, data, etc.)

https://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/intellectual-property-policy/



Conflict of Interest

- You should not have two or more masters for the same or similar activity
- If you do, then you have a conflict
 - Is the conflict manageable?
- Transparency is your friend

http://www.bu.edu/policies/conflict-of-interest/



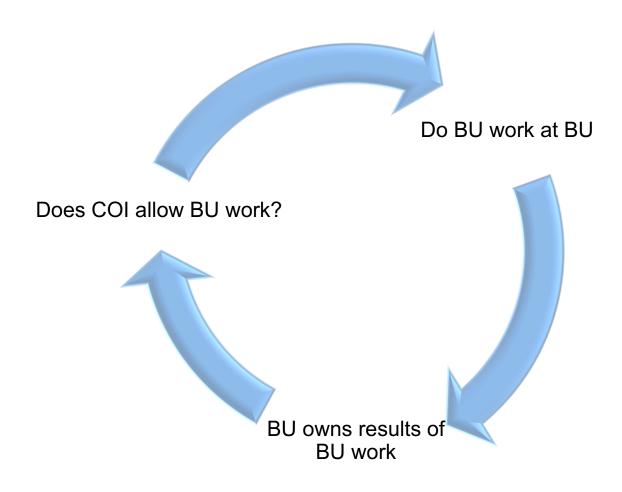
Conflict of Commitment

- You have committed to an academic mission
- Will your external activity interfere with your ability to complete that mission?

https://www.bu.edu/handbook/ethics/conflict-of-commitment-policy/



How those three work together





Resources

• bu.edu/policies



Technology Development | bu.edu/otd

We help bring your ideas and discoveries to market.

Primary Services:

- Intellectual Property Protection (e.g., patents)
- Licensing Agreements and Royalty Collection/Distribution
- Support Agreements (outgoing MTAs, CDAs)
- Run Educational Programs About Technology Commercialization
- Consult with Faculty/Students on Start-up Company Formation
- Ignition Award Program

Supporting Services:

- IP terms in sponsored research agreements
- Lecture in classes/lab groups on Intellectual Property
- Stewards of the Intellectual Property Policy
- General support on all IP related matters



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