A Graduate Student, an Opportunity and the Institution

Navigating Relevant BU Policies

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# Guiding Principles

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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/](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

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

Do BU work at BU

Does COI allow BU work?

BU owns results of BU work
Resources

• bu.edu/policies
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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