

Chapter 12 Intellectual property rights (IPR)

1 Policy on IPR (non-research students) (the “Policy”)

- 1.1 The Policy applies to all students enrolled on programmes other than our postgraduate research programmes leading to a MPhil, MA/MSc by Research or a PhD. The latest version is available in [full on the intranet](#).
- 1.2 It is important that each student reads and understands the [full version of the Policy](#).
- 1.3 For students, the general position under the Policy is the student will own any IPR the student creates, subject to certain exceptions. In summary, these exceptions are:
 - 1.3.1 if the student did work (as part of their programme of study or in response to a task or project set by the University) before the Policy came into effect and:
 - 1.3.1.1 the University had already used the IPR in relation to such work on one of the University’s pieces of research, development projects or other projects; or
 - 1.3.1.2 the University had already licenced or assigned the IPR in relation to such work to a third party; or
 - 1.3.1.3 the University had already used the IPR in relation to such work in its educational, teaching or research material; or
 - 1.3.1.4 the University had already commercially exploited the IPR in relation to such work; or
 - 1.3.2 if the student did work before the Policy came into effect and the work was done in the circumstances described in sections 1.3.3 to 1.3.11 (inclusive); or
 - 1.3.3 if the student does work that relates to one of the University’s pieces or research, development projects or other projects (whether new or ongoing); or
 - 1.3.4 if the student does work the purpose of which is to research or develop: (i) IPR already owned by the University or licensed to the University; or (ii) IPR to be owned by the University or licensed to University; or
 - 1.3.5 if the student does work in relation to tasks or activities that are set by the University’s staff for a purpose that does not directly concern the student’s programme of study; or
 - 1.3.6 if the student does work that relates to a research agreement, collaboration agreement or any other agreement between the University and a third party that requires IPR to be owned by the University or a third party or requires a licence to be granted to a third party; or
 - 1.3.7 if the student does work that is funded (in part or in whole) by Research Councils UK; or

- 1.3.8 if the student does a work-based placement which *the University arranges*; or
- 1.3.9 if the student does a work-based placement with the University; or
- 1.3.10 if the University and the student both agree that the IPR the student will create, or has created, will be owned by the University; or
- 1.3.11 if the student creates IPR jointly with a member of the University's staff in the circumstances set out in sections 1.3.1 to 1.3.9 (inclusive).

2 Ownership of student IPR (research students)

- 2.1 For students enrolled on postgraduate research programmes leading to a MPhil, MA/MSc by Research or a PhD, the general position is as set out in [section 4.7 of the Research Degree Regulation](#), that is:

“The copyright and other intellectual property rights in relation to thesis and other work prepared and submitted by students in the course of their studies shall belong to the University, except where specifically agreed otherwise by the University in writing.”

3 Licences to the University of student IPR (non-research students)

- 3.1 Students enrolled on programmes other than postgraduate research programmes leading to a MPhil, MA/MSc by Research or a PhD, grant to the University a licence to use, copy, store, reproduce and distribute the students work and IPR for: (a) the purposes of supervising, assessing, marking and moderating the student's work; and (b) for the University's administrative purposes, including assessing and maintaining academic quality, plagiarism assessment and meeting the University's legal obligations.
- 3.2 The student also grants to the University a licence to: (a) store and copy the student's examination script for archival purposes; and (b) deposit any dissertations and theses the student writes in the University's repository and copy, publish and distribute them at the University's discretion (by way of example, through the British Library Electronic Theses On-line System).

4 Recording material delivered as part of a course or programme of research

- 4.1 A student who through disability or illness is unable to take notes or uses other types of learning support as recommended in an assessment of needs is permitted to record delivered material such as lectures, tutorials and seminars by prior arrangement with the member of staff delivering the material, provided the recording is for personal use and reference only.