

Overview

UNT recognizes that marketable forms of intellectual property may result from the activities of UNT personnel. UNT has an obligation to serve the public interest by insuring that marketable forms of intellectual property are developed and made available to the public. The new *UNT Intellectual Property Policy*, effective November 15, 2003, provides a framework for assigning ownership rights and creating both incentives and protections that will encourage the discovery and development of new knowledge and its application and transfer for the public benefit with an equitable distribution of net income from the transfer.

It is the responsibility of the Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) to manage the technology transfer process for all patent, trademark and copyright matters relating to the identification, protection and commercialization of UNT-owned Works and Inventions. OTT represents UNT in the implementation of the *UNT Intellectual Property Policy* with regard to governmental entities, industry and the public.

“Intellectual Property” means all Works and Inventions. “Work” includes but is not limited to any copyrightable material such as printed material and computer software. An “Invention” includes but is not limited to a process, composition of matter, know-how, design, and technological development.

OTT works to transfer all UNT technologies available for licensing to industry and start-up companies through the University of North Texas Research and Development Corporations (UNT-RD). A successful technology transfer will result in an income to UNT which OTT then distributes to the Creator, the Creator’s Department and College according to the *UNT Intellectual Property Policy*.
