



# Services for Researchers

Joint  
(USU & HJF)  
Office of Technology  
Transfer



Advancing  
Military Medical  
Research

HJF's technology transfer staff encourages scientists and private industry to collaborate on research and development projects, with an eye toward protecting intellectual property through patents, copyrights, trademarks, or trade secrets, and creating successful commercialization strategies that ultimately benefit the public. In 2000, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) and HJF established the Joint (USU & HJF) Office of Technology Transfer (JOTT) to administer the transfer of technologies developed at USU and to facilitate collaborations among researchers at USU, HJF, other universities, and private industry.

The JOTT staff will negotiate the following agreements on behalf of the scientists at USU:

- **Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs)** to outline the permissible terms, conditions, and research protocols for the materials being transferred to and from USU
- **Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs)** to work with private industry to accelerate the commercialization of technologies and optimize resources
- **Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs)**, or Confidential Disclosure Agreements (CDAs), to ensure proprietary information shared by the parties is restricted from public use.

The principal service provided by HJF to protect research results is **filing and prosecuting patent applications** on inventions. An issued patent will prevent competitors from making, using or selling the novel innovation. HJF helps protect inventions by:

- Assisting in the preparation of the **invention disclosure** form for the JOTT
- Evaluating invention disclosures
- Conducting a patentability review
- Inviting inventors to present their inventions at monthly Joint Patent and Technology Review Group (JPTRG) meetings (held the second week of each month)
- Coordinating patent filing and prosecution with outside patent counsel
- Assuming all costs associated with patent filing and prosecution.

HJF will assist with the **marketing and licensing** by:

- Conducting a marketability assessment
- Marketing the technology to potential licensees
- Negotiating license agreements
- Monitoring licensee performance
- Collecting and distributing royalty payments.

A portion of royalty payments from licensed technologies is distributed to the contributing inventor(s) each year based on federal statutes. Inventors who are federal employees cannot receive more than \$150,000 per year for all inventions unless an exception is approved by the President of the United States. Inventors who are HJF employees are subject to the same \$150,000 cap. Revenue to USU is distributed, historically, to the department or laboratory in which the invention originated.

**If you have technology transfer, commercialization or intellectual property questions, please contact us.**

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