

Joint (USU & HJF) Office of Technology Transfer

Services for Researchers

The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine (HJF) 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, as well as creating successful commercialization and marketing strategies that ultimately benefit the public. The Uniformed University of the Health Sciences (USU) and HJF established the John W. Lowe Joint (USU & HJF) Office of Technology Transfer (JOTT) to administer the transfer and commercialization of technologies developed at USU and to facilitate collaborations among researchers at USU, HJF, other universities, and private industry.

The JOTT staff negotiates various agreements on behalf of scientists at USU, including:

- Material Transfer Agreements (MTAs) to outline the permissible terms, conditions and research protocols for 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.

HJF protects research results by filing and prosecuting patent applications on inventions. An issued patent prevents competitors from making, using or selling the novel innovation. HJF helps protect inventions by:

- Assisting in the preparation of the invention disclosure form from the JOTT
- Evaluating invention disclosures
- Conducting a patentability review
- Inviting inventors to present their inventions at monthly Joint Patent and Technology Group (JPTRG) meetings

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

Aoife Cullen, Ph.D., CLP, RTTP

Director, JOTT
Office: 301-295-6010
Cell: 301-549-0876
Email: acullen@hjff.org

La Shaun J. Berrien, Ph.D.

Senior Director - Technology Transfer, JOTT
Phone: 240-694-3188
Cell: 301-273-8862
Email: lberrien@hjff.org

Hemi Chopra, Ph.D.

Technology Transfer Senior Associate, JOTT
Office: [TBD]
Cell: [TBD]
Email: hchopra@hjff.org

Mark G. Scher, Ph.D.

Chief Technology Transfer Officer, JOTT
Office: 240-694-2064
Cell: 301-792-2649
Email: mscher@hjff.org

Robert Koenig, Ph.D.

Technology Transfer Associate, JOTT
Office: 301-295-0450
Cell: 301-326-3032
Email: rkoenig@hjff.org

The JOTT Office at USU is located in B2004.

- Coordinating patent filing and prosecution with outside patent counsel
- Assuming all costs associated with patent filing and prosecution.

HJF assists with 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.



Advancing Military Medicine

6720A Rockledge Drive | Suite 100 | Bethesda, MD 20817 P: 240-694-2000 | F: 240-694-3100
Strategic Initiatives – Business Development P: 240-694-4001 | E: businessdevelopment@hjff.org

hjff.org

