

# Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

## Statement of Policy

Title: Intellectual Property Rights

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Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College recognizes that intellectual stimulation is essential to any learning environment, and that parameters must be established regarding the rights and responsibilities of those involved. Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College has established a policy regarding the ownership of intellectual property. Except as specifically and expressly exempted herein or in the procedures developed under this policy, it is the policy of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College that copyrights, patents, and all other forms of intellectual property developed by any employee of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College within the scope of his or her employment or using agency resources is exclusive property of Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. As "work for hire," no transfer of ownership rights in copyrights, patents or other forms of intellectual property from the institution to the employee or student, shall occur unless the College, possessing ownership rights expressly and specifically grants the ownership rights, in whole or in part, to the employee or other party or parties by means of written and signed agreement.

Intellectual property developed by a non-employee third-party consultant pursuant to the terms of a written and signed contract will generally be considered "work for hire," and to be owned by the College, unless otherwise provided in the consulting contract.

Except as may be provided for in procedures developed under this policy, students shall have exclusive ownership of intellectual property developed on their own time and at their own expense, including all products of course assignments, subject to written agreement with external parties. The College shall have ownership of intellectual property developed by the student if the College funded development of the property, or if the College and student entered into an agreement of the College to have ownership of the property, or to purchase the property upon completion of development.