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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) POLICY

1. Preamble

Oriental College of Technology, Bhopal recognizes the importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in promoting innovation, creativity, research and technological development. The College encourages faculty members and students to identify, develop, document and appropriately protect intellectual creations arising from academic, research and project activities. This policy provides a basic framework for creating awareness about IPR, facilitating protection of intellectual property and encouraging responsible use and dissemination of intellectual creations generated within the College.

2. Vision

To develop an environment that encourages creativity, innovation and responsible protection and utilization of intellectual property generated through academic, research and student activities.

3. Mission

- Create awareness among faculty members and students regarding Intellectual Property Rights.
- Encourage identification and protection of innovative ideas and research outcomes.
- Facilitate appropriate filing and management of patents, copyrights, designs and other forms of IPR.
- Promote responsible use, dissemination and utilization of intellectual property.

4. Objectives

- Promote awareness and understanding of different forms of Intellectual Property Rights among faculty members and students.
- Encourage faculty members and students to identify potentially protectable innovations arising from research, projects and academic activities.
- Facilitate appropriate documentation and filing of IPR applications through suitable channels.
- Encourage responsible management, utilization and dissemination of intellectual property.
- Maintain appropriate records of IPR-related activities undertaken by the College.

5. Scope

This policy shall apply to intellectual property arising from research, academic projects, student projects, laboratory activities, innovation activities and other scholarly or technical work undertaken by faculty members, students and researchers associated with the College.

The policy may cover, as applicable, patents, copyrights, industrial designs, trademarks, software and computer programs, technical drawings and other creative works, and other forms of intellectual property recognized under applicable law.

6. IPR Awareness and Promotion

- Seminars and awareness programs.
- Workshops and expert lectures.
- Faculty and student orientation programs.
- Information regarding patent and copyright procedures.
- Interaction with patent professionals, IP experts and relevant organizations.
- Integration of IPR awareness with research, innovation and student project activities.

Faculty members and students shall be encouraged to consider IPR protection where their work involves a potentially novel or otherwise protectable creation.

7. Identification and Disclosure of Intellectual Property

Faculty members and students are encouraged to identify potentially protectable intellectual property arising from their research, projects or other academic activities. Where an invention or innovation may be suitable for patent protection, the concerned faculty member or student should preferably disclose the invention through the institutional mechanism before public disclosure, publication or presentation, wherever possible. The disclosure should contain sufficient technical information to enable preliminary assessment of the intellectual property.

8. IPR Filing and Facilitation

The College may facilitate filing of suitable IPR applications through recognized patent agents, professionals or other appropriate channels, subject to institutional approval and availability of resources.

The decision to proceed with an IPR application may consider novelty and originality, technical or creative contribution, potential usefulness or application, supporting documentation, and estimated cost and feasibility of protection. Filing of an IPR application shall not be considered an automatic entitlement and shall be subject to applicable institutional procedures.

9. Ownership and Rights

Ownership of intellectual property generated using institutional resources or as part of institutional research shall be determined in accordance with applicable laws, institutional rules, funding-agency

conditions and specific agreements, wherever applicable. Where external funding, sponsored research or collaboration is involved, ownership and rights shall be governed by the relevant agreement. The contributions of faculty members, students and other contributors shall be appropriately recognized.

10. Publication and Prior Disclosure

Faculty members and students are encouraged to consider possible IPR implications before publishing or publicly presenting research findings containing potentially patentable inventions. Where patent protection is being considered, appropriate steps should preferably be taken before public disclosure. Publication of research findings shall continue to be encouraged, subject to appropriate consideration of confidentiality and intellectual property protection.

11. Student IPR

- Major and minor projects.
- Design and prototype development.
- Innovation competitions.
- Technical clubs and activities.
- Research projects.
- Hackathons and similar programs.

Where a student project results in potentially protectable intellectual property, the student may be guided through the institutional IPR mechanism for appropriate protection.

12. Use of Third-Party Intellectual Property

Faculty members and students shall respect the intellectual property rights of others. Unauthorized copying, reproduction, distribution or use of copyrighted material, patented technology, software, designs, images or other protected material shall be avoided. Appropriate permission, licensing, citation or acknowledgement shall be obtained wherever required.

13. IPR Records and Documentation

- IPR awareness programmes.
- Invention disclosures.
- Patent applications.
- Granted patents, where applicable.
- Copyright applications/registrations.
- Design applications.
- Other IPR activities.
- Supporting documents and certificates.

Only verified information and appropriate supporting documents shall be included in institutional records.

14. Commercialization and Utilization

Where appropriate, the College may explore utilization, licensing, commercialization or technology-transfer possibilities of intellectual property generated through institutional activities. Such activities shall be undertaken in accordance with applicable institutional procedures, agreements and legal provisions.

15. Confidentiality and Responsible Conduct

Information relating to an unpublished invention, invention disclosure, patent application, confidential research result or proprietary collaboration shall be treated appropriately and shall not be disclosed without authorization. All IPR-related activities shall be undertaken honestly and in accordance with applicable laws and institutional procedures.

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