



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY

Overview:

Faculty, staff and students of M.KUMARSAMY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (MKCE) are engaged in Research and diverse in nature. Many of these research and development programmes lead to evolution of Intellectual property in the form of patents. The college therefore, encourages the protection and licensing of such IP to organisations, which can be effectively; utilize the same for commercial exploitation. This would yield financial returns to the college and partially support the R & D efforts.

This policy of the college states that respect to protection, ownership and licensing of IP that is generated with or without external funding.

Guidelines:

This Intellectual property rights policy is to be followed in all matters related to IPR at the M.KUMARASAMY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (MKCE). The IPR committee is constituted by The Principal will be the chairperson of the committee. On the advice of the Chairperson, the committee will be reconstituted once in a year. Moreover, this policy will be modified from time to time to suit emergent needs or on a case-by-case basis.

Objective:

M.KUMARSAMY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (MKCE) will be the owner of all Intellectual properties (IP).

1. Copyright:

A. MKCE will be the owner of copyright of work including software created with significant use of college resources

B. MKCE will be the owner of the copyright on all teaching and learning material developed as part of any of the academic / distance learning programs of MKCE. Anyhow, the inventor may have the right to use the material for their professional capacity.

C. All PhD theses are to be copyrighted with a copyright note: © M.KUMARASAMY COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING (MKCE) (year) *All rights reserved. The technical reports, review works, may also be copyrighted, if the inventor wishes to copyright.*

2. Trademark:

Ownership of trademark logo created for MKCE shall be with the MKCE only.

3. Intellectual Property Management:

A. The IPM Cell is under chairperson (The Principal) of IPR committee is responsible for evaluating, protecting, marketing, licensing and managing the IP generated at MKCE. The Inventors of the IP shall provide all the necessary information to IPM Cell to determine whether MKCE desires to own and manage IP.

B. The IPR Committee in MKCE constituted by The Principal will examine the IP application and will then make specific recommendations regarding Patentability / Registration of the proposal by MKCE. Committee may seek the assistance of experts for this purpose in all endeavors confidentiality of the IP shall be strictly ensured.

C. Inventors of MKCE are encouraged to file a Provisional patent specification as soon as possible in order to protect their rights to the IP.

D. In these cases, the technical details of the invention need not be provided to the IPM Cell at this stage in the interest of confidentiality.

4. Confidentiality of Intellectual Property:

Inventors of MKCE involved in IP protection process should not disclose the details to any person / organization without proper permission of IPR Committee.

5. Licensing and revenue sharing:

A. The Principal and the Inventor of the IP being transformed, on behalf of MKCE shall sign all agreements.

B. All members in the group of inventors shall sign the revenue sharing agreement for the IP being transferred and this agreement will be modified at any time on mutual consent among the creators and intimated to The Principal. In case, any conflict with regard to revenue sharing within the inventors will be resolved through the IPR committee.

C. The revenue shall be divided among the inventors per revenue sharing norms (50% for Inventors and 50% Applicant MKCE) at the time of signing the agreement. Memorandum of understanding should signed by the institute with the sponsoring agency based on which the IP is generated.

D. The Inventor can start a new research project with the amount available to them from such revenue. They can use the entire or partial amount. On request of the creator, MKCE will contribute an equal share, but maximum share of such contribution by MKCE will be limited to 50% of revenue accruing to MKCE.

6. Dispute resolution:

In case of any dispute with regard in IPR policy, the decision of MKCE shall be deemed final binding.

7. Jurisdiction:

As a policy, all agreements to be signed by MKCE will have the jurisdiction of the courts in Karur and shall be governed by appropriate laws in India.

