

**BOWDOIN COLLEGE  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY**

I. Preface

As part of its basic mission, Bowdoin College encourages the discovery, creation and wide dissemination of knowledge, artistic work, inventions, and educational materials. The most effective way to achieve these ends is to ensure academic freedom among faculty and students. A well-defined policy for the allocation of ownership rights associated with intellectual property will facilitate the creation and dissemination of original work.

This policy addresses the ownership of intellectual property created by faculty, staff, and students. In doing so, it recognizes the common law and traditions of ownership in colleges and universities, as well as the importance of College investments in supporting creative work. This policy is designed to articulate rules that clarify ownership of most intellectual property and to identify and address those exceptional cases where ownership interests may be shared by the creator and the College or where ownership may be uncertain, and to establish procedures for allocating ownership interests and resolving uncertainty over ownership.

II. Scope and Definitions

This policy addresses the determination of ownership of intellectual property rights for inventions and other works developed or created by members of the College community. It applies to all members of the College community, including faculty members, staff, and students of the College.

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(i) The College has an “**identity interest**” in works that are integral to, and reflect mo

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traditional scholarly work. In such cases, the College and the faculty member will each have an ownership interest in a project in which the faculty member provides the content and IT staff create the software (also see III.B.). Faculty should acknowledge appropriately the creative work of staff in both *traditional scholarly work* and other faculty works.

The terms of any financial or use sharing arrangement between the College and a faculty member will be negotiated under the procedures set out in Section IV. In the case of co

*D. Grants, Sponsored Works and Specially Funded Works:*

In the event a grant from a government agency or private sponsor contains provisions governing intellectual property and/or rights to the property, these provisions take precedence over this Policy. College faculty and staff should understand any such provisions before agreeing to a different allocation of rights than set forth in this Policy. Information about intellectual property policies of major granting agencies is described in the College Grants Manual. The ownership of commissioned work done by faculty for the College will be governed by the contract agreement.

IV. Process for Determination of Ownership of Intellectual Property:

In the vast majority of cases, application of the foregoing principles will be straightforward, and there will be no question about who owns the rights to the IP. In such cases, the party with rights (a faculty member or the College) will d



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In the case of a group IP project, all those in the group shall be named in the report, and if the report contains an initial pr

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VIII. Application of Policy:

This policy binds the College and the faculty, staff, students and others upon whom it is effective as a condition for participating in the use of Bowdoin funds or facilities. As they relate to work produced while in the College's employ, the terms of the policy continue to

