

# KINGS

## ENGINEERING COLLEGE

**An Autonomous Institution**

**Affiliated to Anna University, Chennai**



# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY

As per the Approval of Governing Council

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## **PREFACE**

Intellectual Property Rights are an essential component of today's globalized economy as they protect creativity and encourage innovation. Supporting innovation is also a key objective of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. India's National IPR Policy envisions a nation where intellectual property drives creativity and innovation for the benefit of all. Several government initiatives such as Make in India, Start-up India, Digital India, and Skill India have significantly strengthened the innovation ecosystem in the country. The Atal Innovation Mission further promotes innovative thinking among students and researchers in schools and higher education institutions. In line with this national vision Kings Engineering College, Chennai has formulated its own IPR Policy to foster innovation and research culture within the institution.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the IPR policy of KEC is to:

- To encourage, support, and protect scientific research, innovation, and academic freedom among faculty, researchers, and students.
- To create and promote an innovative culture that fosters the development of intellectual property within the institution.
- To ensure effective utilization of intellectual property for the benefit of inventors, the institution, and society at large.

## **ACTIVITIES UNDER IPR CELL**

- To spread awareness on Intellectual Property Rights among students and faculty members.
- To train participants in the process of patent filing and related legal procedures.
- To conduct workshops, seminars, and skill development programs on IPR concepts.
- To provide continuous support from idea generation to product development and patent registration.

## **APPLICABILITY**

- This policy applies to all faculty members, staff, and students of Kings Engineering College.
- It covers individuals involved in the creation or invention of any form of intellectual property.
- It includes intellectual property such as patents, copyrights, trademarks, and industrial designs.
- The policy ensures proper guidance and protection for all IP-related activities within the institution.

## **OWNERSHIP**

**Copyrights:**

- a. The College shall own the copyright of all teaching and instructional materials developed by faculty and staff as part of academic programs or activities. However, the creator retains the right to use the material for academic and professional purposes.
- b. Books, research articles, monographs, speeches, and similar scholarly works produced by faculty using their own expertise and academic effort shall remain the property of the author.
- c. If any copyrightable work, including software, is created using significant institutional resources, the College may claim full or partial ownership depending on the level of resource utilization.
- d. The College shall own the copyright of works created by external personnel engaged in institutional activities, whether or not institutional staff have contributed intellectually.
- e. For works developed under sponsored or collaborative projects, copyright ownership shall be determined as per the agreement terms or through mutual consent between the College and the sponsoring/collaborating agency.
- f. In the case of student thesis, dissertation, or project work, the copyright shall be jointly owned by the student and the respective guide.

#### **TRADEMARK**

The ownership of the trademark, including the logo created for Kings Engineering College, shall rest solely with Kings Engineering College.

#### **DESIGN PATENT**

- The College shall own the design patent if the work has been developed using the resources and facilities of the institution.
- For design patents created under sponsored or collaborative projects, ownership shall be decided based on the terms of the agreement or through mutual understanding with the sponsoring or collaborating agency.
- If the inventor leaves the institution for any reason, it is mandatory to transfer or assign the intellectual property rights of the design patent to the College before departure.

#### **PATENT**

- The College shall own the patent when the invention is developed using its resources such as laboratories, funding, or infrastructure during academic or research activities.
- For patents created under sponsored research or collaborative projects, ownership shall be decided based on the agreement signed with the sponsoring or collaborating agency or through mutual understanding between both parties.
- If any inventor (faculty, student, or researcher) leaves the institution for any reason, they must transfer or assign the intellectual property rights of the patent to the College before leaving.

### **OBTAINING IPR AND FEE FOR THE POTENTIAL CREATIONS**

The inventor shall provide all necessary inputs, technical details, and supporting documents required for filling the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) application to the institution. The College will assist in processing and submitting the application for patents or other forms of intellectual property through its IPR Cell. The institution shall bear the cost involved in patent filing, registration, and other associated procedures required for completing the application process.

### **COMMERCIALIZATION**

The College shall take efforts to commercialize the intellectual property it owns or jointly owns, based on prevailing market demand. The creators of the intellectual property are expected to actively support and cooperate in the commercialization process. If the College is unable to commercialize the innovation within a reasonable period of time, the creator may approach the IPR Cell to request reassignment of ownership rights. In such cases, the inventor shall reimburse the patenting and related expenses incurred by the institution in order to obtain ownership of the intellectual property.

### **REVENUE SHARING**

The revenue generated from intellectual property shall be shared between the College and the inventor in a ratio of 40:60, where 40% is allocated to the institution and 60% to the inventors. In the case of multiple inventors, the inventor's share shall be distributed equally among them or as per mutually agreed terms. For intellectual property developed in collaboration with industry or external organizations, the sharing of revenue and patenting costs shall be governed by the terms specified in the agreement with the respective partner, provided that the industry also contributes to the patenting expenses.



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