

IPR Management at University of Rijeka

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The base for technology/knowledge transfer activities are Intellectual Property Rights (**IPRs**).

For successful Technology Transfer System there are 2 main preconditions:

- **Infrastructural** preconditions, and
- **Regulative** preconditions.

University of Rijeka Technology Transfer Infrastructure:

- **University of Rijeka (10 Faculties, 4 Departments);**
- **University of Rijeka Technology Transfer Office (TTO);**
- **Science and Technology Park (STeP).**

Regulative documents and policies:

- **UoR Strategy;**
- **UoR Innovation Strategy (adopted in November 2012);**
- **UoR Intellectual Property Management Policy;**
- **UoR Regulation on Intellectual Property Management;**
- **Competence/Knowledge database „Baltazar”.**

Technology Transfer Office:

- was established in March 2009 within Science and Technology Project (STP) financed by the World Bank;
- is an organizational unit of the UoR Rectorate;
- is an important link between academia and business community, acting in synergy with UoR Science and Technology Park (STeP).

Technology Transfer Office Mission:

To extract the fair market value of the University intellectual property and to stimulate creation of future viable by IP using best business practices for the benefit of the University, its components (faculties and departments), staff and community.

Technology Transfer Office goals:

- to create the university environment that encourages generation of new knowledge;
- to motivate development and dissemination of intellectual property created at UoR through IP management and administrative assistance;
- to provide an organizational structure and procedures through which research results may be prepared for protection and commercialization;

- to determine the rights and obligations of the University and creators of intellectual property (researchers);
- to ensure that the financial returns from IP commercialization do not distort decisions and operations at the University in a manner contrary to the University mission.

The role of TTO is to screen, evaluate, protect and, in collaboration with STeP, commercialize IP generated at the University.

TTO procedure regarding IP protection and commercialization:

- Expression of an interest from the researcher/inventor;
- Signing an NDA between TTO and researcher/inventor;
- Invention disclosure;
- Invention evaluation;
- Invention protection with appropriate form of IP protection;
- IP commercialization.

Science and Technology Park (STeP)

- was established in 2008 within TECHRO project financed by BICRO (Croatian Business Innovation Agency) in accordance with Ministry of Science, Education and Sports;
- in majority owned by the University of Rijeka;
- range of services offered revolve around three programs: IP transfer, licensing and incubation.

The **main goal of STeP** is technology transfer from UoR to business sector through:

- formation and incubation of new companies;
- technology licensing to established regional, national and international businesses;
- networking with similar institutions nationally and internationally; and
- ensuring access by existing small and medium size companies to university research and high technology laboratories.

STeP offers **other services** to STeP tenants and outside associates:

- Affordable usage of infrastructure;
- Advising and mentoring;
- Education and training for external SMEs;
- Networking;
- Assistance in access to capital.

STeP is also a recognized centre for PoC program.

University of Rijeka IP in numbers:

- Total number of IP protection: 18
- Number of developed prototypes: 23

Most of IP comes from the UoR School of Medicine (11).

Thank you!

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