Industry Funded Specialty Agreements...

From time to time, an industry sponsor will fund projects that require contract terms that differ from the standard sponsored research agreement. The projects may include using a standardized ISU protocol, using a piece of equipment that is unique to the university, or conducting trials outside of the sponsor’s internal R&D functions. For these situations, ISU has an array of specialty agreements available. Contact OIPTT with questions regarding any of these specialty agreements.

Animal Product Trial Agreements
- Evaluation of material (e.g., drug, medical device) or animal feed where sponsor provides the material and/or evaluation protocol
- Animal subjects generally require IACUC approval
- No new intellectual property is anticipated; improvements to background intellectual property are owned by providing party
- Sponsor has the right to review public disclosures, remove its confidential information, and request delay to protect patentable subject matter
- Reduced F&A rate (15%) is charged

Commodity Agreements
- Research projects funded by agricultural commodity groups
- Typically involve a proposal in response to an RFP
- Public disclosure is usually allowed without sponsor review
- No F&A rate (0%) is charged for approved commodity groups

Consortia and Membership Agreements
- Involve one or more universities and multiple industry members; see http://www.vpresearch.iastate.edu/index.cfm?nodeID=48338&audienceID=1 for information on establishing new consortia or membership centers
- Membership fees support projects selected for funding by industry members
- Intellectual property ownership follows inventorship; all members have non-exclusive rights to intellectual property with reimbursement of patent costs
- Members have the right to review public disclosures and request delay to protect patentable subject matter; research project reports are provided to all members
- Reduced F&A rate (0-15%) is generally charged with VPR approved F&A waiver
Field Trial Agreements

- Evaluation of agricultural material (e.g., seeds, plants, chemicals) where sponsor provides the material and/or evaluation protocol
- IBC approval may be required
- Confidential field trials are generally for pre-commercial materials; non-confidential field trials are generally for commercially available products; for additional information, see the Field Trial Guidance and Academic Research License tip sheets
- No new intellectual property is anticipated
- Public disclosure is typically allowed without sponsor review for non-confidential field trials
- Reduced F&A rate (15%) is charged

Human Subject Trial Agreements

- Evaluation of non-pharmaceutical products (e.g., nutritional supplements, food products) or other testing (e.g., exercise effects, apparel, devices) where sponsor provides the product and/or evaluation protocol
- Human subjects generally require IRB approval
- No new intellectual property is anticipated; improvements to background intellectual property are owned by providing party
- Sponsor has the right to review public disclosures, remove its confidential information, and request delay to protect patentable subject matter
- Reduced F&A rate (15%) is charged

Technical Evaluation Agreements

- Evaluation of non-biological or non-animal related material (e.g., equipment, software, samples, prototype) where sponsor provides the material and/or evaluation protocol
- No new intellectual property is anticipated; improvements to background intellectual property are owned by providing party
- Sponsor has the right to review public disclosures, remove its confidential information, and request delay to protect patentable subject matter
- Sponsor owns data and reports
- Reduced F&A rate (15%) is charged

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