



## Industry Funded Specialty Agreements . . .

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From time to time, an industry sponsor will fund projects that require contract terms that differ from the traditional 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.

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### **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
- A 15% F&A rate (of total direct costs) 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; contact the [Office of the Vice President for Research](#) 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
- A 10% F&A rate (of total direct costs) is charged with OSPA-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
- A 15% F&A rate (of total direct costs) 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
- A 15% F&A rate (of total direct costs) 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
- A 15% F&A rate (of total direct costs) is charged

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