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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS (IPR) POLICY (V 1.0)

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1. Preamble

St. Francis College, Bengaluru, is committed to achieving global recognition by excelling in Research, Consultancy, Projects, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship (RCPIE). To support these endeavors, the College has established various committees and cells. Additionally, St. Francis College has published an Institution Innovation Council Protocols and Incentives Document, which outlines the policies for the creation and management of Intellectual Property (IP) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). An IPR Review Committee has also been formed to evaluate invention disclosures.

Faculty and staff at St. Francis College have the autonomy to decide whether the results of their research conducted during their employment or engagement with the College should be disseminated through publications or disclosed as Intellectual Property. When a research project has the potential to generate intellectual property, it should be protected according to the IPR policy, unless a waiver is granted by the College.

2. Introduction to INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP)

Intellectual Property (IP) at St. Francis College encompasses any original creation of the human intellect that meets the criteria of uniqueness, novelty, and non-obviousness, and qualifies for protection under relevant government acts governing patents, copyrights, industrial designs, trademarks, semiconductor integrated circuits layout-designs (SICLD), and others. These creations can manifest in various forms, such as proprietary concepts, inventions, technological developments, computer software, business models, and genetically engineered organisms.

To safeguard these forms of IP, both the inventor and the College may choose to seek protection through domestic or international patent offices. Additionally, the potential for staff or student entrepreneurship exists within these intellectual creations. Through entrepreneurial endeavors, intangible IP can be transformed into tangible products or services for the market.



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In such cases, the Guidelines for student and staff entrepreneurship are governed by St. Francis College's IIC/Incubation Policy, ensuring a structured approach to nurturing and commercializing innovative ideas originating from the College community.

3. Objectives:

The Intellectual Property Rights Policy of St. Francis College is designed to:

- Cultivate an intellectual environment within the institution, encouraging staff, students, and researchers to innovate and safeguard their creations as Intellectual Property.
- Promote a culture of indigenous technology development aimed at addressing local needs and contributing to the socio-economic advancement of the nation.
- Act as a conduit between the industry and the college, facilitating collaborative interdisciplinary projects, fostering product innovation, nurturing startups, and advancing industrial automation systems.
- Provide support for the enhancement of educational schemes, models, and methodologies, with a focus on improving the teaching-learning process and nurturing highly skilled engineering graduates to meet the evolving technical demands of the country.

Expected Outcome:

St. Francis College, Koramangala, Bangalore is committed to creating awareness about the importance of IP filing, and the mechanisms and methodologies involved in filing IP both in India and globally, especially among students and faculty. By establishing a much-needed IP filing ecosystem, the college aims to foster a culture that systematically protects new ideas, research, and innovation with national and global relevance. This program will lay the foundation for the college's participation in the Ministry of Education's Innovation and Entrepreneurship initiatives such as IIC, Hackathons, NISP, National Innovation Contest, and YUKTI 2.0, along with related programs under MIC and AICTE.



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Additionally, St. Francis College seeks to strengthen the connection of institutions located in the Aspirational Districts with national innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem enablers. The program encourages active participation and involvement of students, faculty, and staff, aiming to create a sensitized and vibrant IP filing ecosystem within higher education institutions. With a target of filing at least One patent applications per year, St. Francis College aspires to significantly contribute to the protection and commercialization of innovative ideas.

4. Scope:

At St. Francis College, it is required that any potential Intellectual Property (IP), inventions, or innovations conceived or developed (either wholly or partially) by the faculty, research scholars, and students during their academic pursuits be promptly disclosed. St. Francis College ensures the identification of relevant legal and procedural mechanisms to safeguard such intellectual property.

The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policy encompasses all members of the college community, including faculty, research scholars, students, as well as visitors from external institutions and participants in sponsored projects. This policy should be understood in conjunction with St. Francis College's IIC/Research Committee Protocols and Incentives Document and its Incubation Policy.

5. KAPILA Committee Members:

| TYPE | NAME | DESIGNATION |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPR Expert / Legal Advisor | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Jalvath A | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IPR Attorney |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faculty Member | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr M Angel Shalini | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• KAPILA Coordinator SFC |



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| • Industrial Expert | • Mr Vadiraj Managoli | • Industry Expert |
| • Faculty Member | • Dr Naveen Prasath | • KAPILA Coordinator SFC |
| • Faculty Member | • Dr Prachi Tripathi | • Internal Kapila Member |
| • Faculty Member | • Dr Iyappan M | • Internal Kapila Member |
| • Faculty Member | • Dr Viji K | • RC Convenor, CMRIT, Bengaluru (External) |
| • Faculty Member | • Dr Meenakshi Patil | • NISP Coordinator, CMRIT, Bengaluru |

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

At St. Francis College, it is mandatory for inventors to disclose any potential conflict of interest.

If the inventor(s) or their immediate family hold a stake in a licensee company, they must disclose the extent of their ownership. In such cases, any license or assignment of patent rights to the licensee company must be approved by St. Francis College.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION



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If disputes arise between St. Francis College and the Inventor(s) regarding the implementation of the IPR policy, the inventor(s) have the option to appeal to the institution's head. The College will strive to resolve the concerns of the inventor(s) by establishing an arbitration mechanism.

The final decision made by the head of St. Francis College in such matters will be conclusive and binding for both the College and the inventor(s).



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References

- KAPILA Portal
- IIC of St. Francis College Policy Document



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Appendices

Patent Filing Process at St. Francis College:

- Step 1: Expression of interest by the inventors.
- Step 2: Draft proposal for the patent.
- Step 3: Screening of the proposal by internal experts.
- Step 4: Forward the selected proposals to the IP attorneys.
- Step 5: Filing of the patent after review and selection by IP attorneys.
- Step 6: Publication
- Step 7: Claims and examination
- Step 8: Grant of Patent.

FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM AICTE ON REIMBURSEMENT MODE

| Sr. No. | Budget Head | Amount in ₹ |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Funding support for patent application filing fee | ₹ 1,600/- |
| 2 | Request for Examination fee | ₹ 4,000/- |
| 3 | Amount per Application | ₹ 5,600 |
| 4 | Total Amount (Maximum Application 10 per Institute) | ₹ 56,000/- |

- A maximum funding amount of Rs.5,600/- per application
- Maximum Application 10 per Institute
- Maximum funding per Institute is amount of Rs.56,000/- (Rs. 5,600/- per application)