

# 3 THINGS STUDENT INNOVATORS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IP

It's important for budding student innovators, creators, and inventors to understand how to manage intellectual property (IP) specifically as it relates to an educational setting.

## 1 HOW TO RESEARCH YOUR SCHOOL'S IP POLICY

Colleges and universities are incubators for intellectual property. If you're engaged in any type of student programs as described above, it's worth taking a look at your institution's IP policy. If you can't readily access a policy on the school website, you should ask your faculty supervisor.

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## 2 HOW TO MANAGE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE RULES AND IP CONFIDENTIALITY

Most forms of IP law require that the protected work be original. This means any information that's made available to the public prematurely can negatively impact the value of the IP. In a nutshell, a student who discloses information about an invention before the IP is legally protected could prevent that knowledge from being patented.

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## 3 THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PATENT, COPYRIGHT, AND TRADEMARK LAW

Finally, all student innovators, creators, and inventors should have an understanding of exactly what constitutes protectable IP.

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