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Guidelines for Students

Sponsored/Funded Research, including Applied Research through SRCA growth grants and Other Applied Research Requiring a Formal Agreement

This type of research is where Sheridan has entered into an agreement with an industry/external partner.

As a prerequisite of your participation in the collaborative pursuit and research, you will be required to sign a Student Participation Agreement.

Since you will be waiving certain legal rights by signing the Student Participation Agreement, specifically Intellectual Property rights, it is recommended that you obtain independent legal advice before entering into this agreement.

For your reference, there is a guide below regarding terms to look out for in the Student Participation Agreement.

- **Intellectual Property Ownership**

If participating in this type of research, the industry standard is that the external party will require you to sign saying all intellectual property is owned by the industry partner. Since Sheridan has entered into an agreement with the external party, Sheridan's IP Policy will not apply and IP rights will be delineated within the agreement. Be sure to read these provisions carefully to understand your rights.

- **Confidentiality Provisions**

It is standard for external parties to require you to agree to certain confidentiality provisions and the non-disclosure of certain information. This means that you are not allowed to discuss or disclose information regarding your research. Your Student Participation Agreement will state that you agree to abide by confidentiality provisions.

- **Right to Disclose on CV**

Although you will be waiving your IP rights by signing the Student Participation Agreement, Sheridan will generally protect your rights to disclose your participation in the research on your curriculum vitae (CV). You will be unable to discuss or disclose confidential information regarding your research, but will be allowed to generally discuss your role and responsibilities.

- **Right to Publish**

Sheridan will generally ensure that confidentiality provisions do not restrict your right to publish in an academic context. You will be unable to discuss or disclose confidential information regarding your research, but this will allow you to generally discuss the research.

You should discuss the Student Participation Agreement with your faculty member if you have any questions. Additionally, please refer to the IP Policy, Procedure, and Website.