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Guidelines for Students -

Capstones or Other Curricular-Based Scholarship, Research, and/or Creative Activities Involving a Company or External Organization (Unfunded)

For Sheridan purposes, you will be required to sign the Student Acknowledgment for Informed Consent of IP (electronically via My Student Centre).

In this type of collaborative pursuit and research, you will be entering into an agreement directly with an external party. This is an agreement between you and the external party. 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 agreements you are entering into with industry partners/external parties.

- **Intellectual Property Ownership**
If participating in this type of research, the industry standard is that the industry partner/external party will require that you sign saying all intellectual property is owned by the industry partner/external party. Be sure to read these provisions carefully to understand your rights.
- **Confidentiality Provisions**
It is standard for industry partners/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. This is generally to protect the business interests of the external party.
- **Right to Disclose on CV**
You should ensure that any confidentiality provisions do not restrict your rights to disclose your participation in the research on your curriculum vitae (CV). You will be unable to discuss or disclose specific information regarding your research, but this will allow you to generally discuss your role and responsibilities.
- **Right to Publish**
You should ensure that any confidentiality provisions do not restrict your right to publish in an academic context. You will be unable to discuss or disclose specific information regarding your research, but this will allow you to generally discuss the research.
- **Non-Compete**
Be aware of signing agreements that restrict you from competing against the external party or working for a competitor in the future.
- **Indemnification**
Make sure you do not agree to indemnify the external party, or agree to compensate for loss or damages that occur or may occur in the future.

If you have any questions, please refer to the IP Policy and Procedure, and Sheridan's IP Website.