

# Shawnee State University

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## 1.0 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

- 1.1. Shawnee State University is committed to providing an educational environment that fosters student creativity and the sharing of ideas. The University is committed to making its resources available to its students to support this effort.
- 1.2. This Policy is applicable to all Shawnee State enrolled and continuing students.

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

These definitions apply to all sections of the policy.

- 2.1 A “Copyrighted Intellectual Property” describes original works of authorship that have been fixed in a tangible medium of expression, including, but not limited to, written materials, dissertations, papers, articles, books, poems, audiovisual materials, videos, audio recordings, architectural drawings, on-line instructional materials, musical compositions, dramatic creations, software, databases, photographs, or sculptures that are likely to be subject to protection under United States copyright law.
- 2.2 “Patentable Intellectual Property” describes inventions, discoveries, and manufacturing designs that have been reduced to practice, and are considered novel and likely to be subject to protection under United States patent law.
- 2.3 “Work for Hire” is a work prepared by an employee, who may be a student employee, within the scope of his or her employment, or is a work or project directed by or specially ordered or commissioned by the University.

## 3.0 COPYRIGHT

- 3.1 All rights granted under copyright law for a particular work remain with the authors (creators) of the work.

3.2 All student works created from independent work, research and/or academic work, whether supported by University resources or facilities, belong exclusively to the student, unless excepted by written agreement, expressly waived, or if prohibited by law.

3.3 The University will not have an interest in copyright ownership of student work, except in the following instances:

3.3.1 When the work is a “work for hire.”

3.3.2 When the work is created as a result from a prior University agreement with an outside sponsor from a grant agreement.

#### 4.0 PATENTS

Ownership of patent rights to inventions or discoveries created independently by students, whether supported by University resources or facilities, belongs exclusively to the student, unless excepted by written agreement, expressly waived or if prohibited by law.

#### History

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