

## Southampton Solent University Intellectual Property FAQ

### 1. Foreword

Southampton Solent University (SSU) values the intellectual property created by its staff and students. Guidance on all relevant issues is found in the University Intellectual Property Policy which can be found here:

<http://portal.solent.ac.uk/documents/academic-services/policies-procedures-guidelines/intellectual-property-rights-policy.pdf>

This document concerns frequently asked questions relating to intellectual property rights at SSU, but the definitive position is found in the Policy as approved by University Research and Innovation Committee. Basic information on intellectual property rights and their application can be found here:

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types.htm>

### 2. Ownership - Who owns the intellectual property of my creations during my time at SSU?

*As a student* (both undergraduate or postgraduate) you retain ownership of the intellectual property you create during the course of your studies at SSU subject to a number of exceptions (39-43).

*As a staff member* the intellectual property in anything created by you in the course of your employment belongs to SSU under the general law, subject to certain exceptions (at 13-16).

### 3. Is help available from the University in exploiting intellectual property?

*For students* (both undergraduate and postgraduate) - Where students create intellectual property and it has potential for commercial exploitation SSU *may* potentially assist a student with its exploitation.

*For staff* - Any intellectual property created by staff in the course of their employment belongs to the university. As such and where required staff members should as part of their duties offer full co-operation to the University in any attempts to commercialise such intellectual property.

SSU has limited funding available for commercialisation of IP. It should however be borne in mind that many intellectual property rights such as copyright and design right cost nothing to obtain. Help may be available from SSU. Further advice is available from [intellectual.property@solent.ac.uk](mailto:intellectual.property@solent.ac.uk).