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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This policy provides guidance for staff (academic and general) and students (undergraduate and postgraduate) on the practices of the University of New South Wales with respect to Intellectual Property. Matters considered include the nature of Intellectual Property, its ownership, exploitation and the specific procedures adopted within the University.

The goal of UNSW's research is to inform and improve its teaching and produce outcomes of benefit to Australia and the world. Intellectual property generated by UNSW researchers should be used to maximise the flow of benefits to society, particularly Australia, and to enhance the reputation of the University and encourage and assist staff in their careers.

The University is committed to providing an environment where scholarship and innovation can flourish and those participating can be justly rewarded for their efforts. At the same time, recognising that certain Intellectual Property is developed as a result of the environment provided by the University and that special relationships exist between the University and its staff and students, the University wishes, where appropriate, to gain benefit from the activity, with the benefits flowing on to future generations of staff and students. The University also intends that negotiations with research funding bodies, government and industry partners and outside institutions should be facilitated by this policy.

In developing the present policy, which draws on past practice, the University has been guided by Intellectual Property policies elsewhere and by statements provided by stakeholders, including the National Tertiary Education Union and the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations. It acknowledges, in particular, input provided by a publication of the Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee and has adopted some of the wording provided in that document.

The University reserves the right to modify or add to this policy at any time, provided that such change will only apply to works, inventions and other subject-matter in which Intellectual Property rights subsist that come into being after the effective date of the change.

## 2. INTERPRETATION

In this Policy:

**2.1 Course Materials** means all materials produced in the course of or for use in teaching in any form (including digital, print, video and visual material) and all Intellectual Property in such materials and will include lectures, lecture notes and material, syllabi, study guides, assessment materials, images, multi-media presentations, web content and course software;

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