

UC SANTA BARBARA POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Patent Acknowledgement Requirements for Graduate Students

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PATENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

I. POLICY

- A. Graduate students who are engaged in extramurally funded research projects must sign the University's Patent Acknowledgement in accordance with the University's contractual obligations to sponsors of research. To not obtain signed Patent Acknowledgements from persons connected with a research project is a breach of the research contract or grant. (When the student is also a University employee and has already signed the University Patent Acknowledgement, it isn't necessary to obtain another signed Acknowledgement.)
- B. When graduate students are employed in private industry and their employers subsidize their education, the students may be bound by their employers' patent agreements. Under no circumstances should such graduate students be permitted to participate in research projects funded by outside sources that carry patent obligations, unless those students have signed the University's Patent Acknowledgement; and unless those students have assured their respective Provosts/Deans or department heads that they have no overriding patent obligations to an outside employer that would preclude the student and the University from meeting their respective contractual requirements to a sponsor of research.

II. RELATED POLICIES

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