Symposium for Research Administrators

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Working With Industry

The Most Common Hiccups
Who We Are

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Experiences

• Who here has worked with industry, either as project personnel or administrative support?

• Did any of you experience or hear about issues during negotiation?

• What issues have you experienced or heard about when working with industry?
Collaboration Benefits for UW-Madison

- Funding support for investigators
- Student research & internship opportunities
- Employment opportunities for graduates
- Research on “real world” problems
- Enhanced societal benefit from innovations
- Technical presentations
- Visiting scientists
- Advisory board members
Collaboration Benefits for Industry

- Cutting-edge scientific knowledge
- Complementary expertise
- Enhanced access to graduates
- Interdisciplinary approaches
- Culture of innovation and experimentation
- Joint research programs
- Preferred IP licensing position
- Cost effective resource leveraging
Where’s the Conflict?

University
• Discover and share information with the world
  • Publish and present
• Local and global advancement.
• Teach the next generation of researchers.

Industry
• Carefully share the information to maintain a competitive advantage
• Increase market share and profit
• Grow and build up the company
# Conflicting Ideas

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Policy Factors

• Federal Laws
  • Inventions and compliance

• State Laws
  • Limitations on UW as a State Agency

• Board of Regents
  • UW System policies

• University Policies
  • Narrowing and/or clarification of System policy
How Do We Do This?

• Agreement Types
  • Sponsored Research Agreements
  • CDAs
  • MTAs
  • Fee for Service
  • Data Sharing Agreements
  • Equipment Loan Agreements

• Take into account as many factors as we can
  • Funding sources in the lab (current and anticipated)
  • Where research materials are coming from
  • Who you may bring on to collaborate
  • Career stages for participants
  • Portfolios of participants
How Can You Help?

• Gather information on relevant factors

• Ask questions, both centrally and with the researchers

• Read the agreements with project personnel to know obligations

• Include required information in records (WISPER)
Test Case

Researcher is looking to do a clinical trial with multiple drugs. What questions might you ask of the researcher to help guide the trial going forward?
Take Away Concepts and Tips

1. Universities and Industry definitely want to work together because there are benefits to both. However, the expectations of both don’t always line up perfectly.

2. Having all of the information can help set appropriate expectations, navigate policies, and minimize negotiations.

3. Sometimes the agreements don’t always mesh. Read the agreements to understand some of the requirements.

4. Contact the appropriate office early to get help.
Questions?