

## UNIVERSITY COPYRIGHT & PATENT POLICY

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In such instances, personnel may submit a written petition explaining the exceptional circumstances to the Vice President over his or her department. The appropriate Vice President will review the petition and issue a written determination regarding ownership rights in the material. If this determination is unsatisfactory to the petitioning party, final appeal may be made to the office of the President of the University.