

# Taming the Beast

## Industry-University Research Ethics

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# What is IP?

Define.

- Patent
- Copyright
- Trade Secret

Ownership of creative work is central in Industry-University research ethics.

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# An Ideal IP rule?

1. Industry can only demand a *patent* on discoveries:
  - Strictly within the scope of the funded project,
  - Only for the duration of the project, and
  - Only if industry plans to profit from discovery.

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# Works for Engineering, but...

Some problems.

- Industry must trust university to deliver discoveries to industry.
- Patent time must differ from field to field.
- Some discoveries are inherently unpatentable.

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