

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT in CONNECTION with a SPONSORED PROJECT

The Office of Sponsored Programs has reviewed a sponsor agreement associated with the sponsored project referenced below that contains non-standard language in connection with intellectual property. We ask that you please complete the following questions to help us move this negotiation forward. For your reference, VCU's policies related to and definitions of intellectual property are provided following the questions.

### I. Questions for the Principal Investigator:

**Principal Investigator:** \_\_\_\_\_ PT/PD# \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) Will you be creating new knowledge otherwise known as Intellectual Property (IP) in the course of this sponsored project?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, who will be involved in creating IP? You (PI) only \_\_\_\_\_ You (PI) and team members \_\_\_\_\_ Students \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) What form would the IP likely take? Examples include invention, copyright, trademark, trade secret. Please also identify type of new knowledge. Examples could include curriculum, software, report, etc. See "definitions" for more detail.
- (c) Are you a subject matter expert providing services as part of this sponsored project that are unlikely to generate new intellectual property?
- (d) Does the project rely on existing intellectual property?
- (i) If yes, was that intellectual property developed solely at VCU? (by you?, by others? Please list.)
- (ii) If yes, is the material in the public domain (published)? Is it considered best practice?
- (iii) If yes, is the IP in whole or in part owned by another party?
- a. If yes, please identify who would own if known.
- b. Does VCU have authorization from the owner to utilize the IP only for VCU's own use or also for use by our sponsor?

Office of Sponsored Programs Comments:

### II. **VCU policies that relate to intellectual property:**

**Intellectual Property Policy:** <http://www.assurance.vcu.edu/Policy%20Library/Intellectual%20Property%20Policy.pdf>

**Research Data Ownership, Retention, and Access:**

<http://www.assurance.vcu.edu/Policy%20Library/Research%20Data%20Ownership,%20Retention%20&%20Access.pdf>