

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT IDEA?

Your are encouraged to submit an Invention Disclosure (ID) for all ideas that may solve some significant problems and/or have value. Sometimes just a minor improvement to an existing solution may be valuable. Examples listed here will help you to identify seed ideas that can potentially be exploited for the benefit of society.

THERAPEUTICS & REHABILITATION

- Pharmaceuticals (e.g. small molecules, biologics, gene therapy)
- Other therapeutics (e.g. brain stimulation, music therapy)
- Rehabilitation methods (physical, psychiatric, psychological)

MEDICAL DEVICES & DIAGNOSTICS

- Medical devices (e.g. stimulators, implants, prosthetics, biomaterials)
- Diagnostic tools (e.g. biomarkers, sensors, imaging methods)

RESEARCH TOOLS

- Lab-based (e.g. cell lines, antibodies, molecular probes, viruses, transgenic animals, imaging techniques, assay kits)
- Technology & IT-based (e.g. analysis applications/software, instruments)

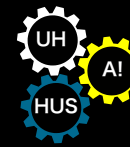
TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS

- Digital & information technologies (e.g. apps, courses, software, data bank solutions)
- Physical technologies (e.g. machines, instruments, nanotechnology, 3D printers)
- Advanced technologies (e.g. AI, robotics, AR/VR)

EDUCATION & SERVICES

- Education (e.g. courses, apps, sotware)
- Services (e.g. apps, Health Village (Terveyskyla)-type solutions)

YOUR INVENTION IMPACT



INVENTION! QUICK-GUIDE

The Innovation Services of UH, Aalto and HUS help researchers of HB&M to turn their inventions into commercial success. This QUICK GUIDE will provide some basic, but important information when you want to report an idea or invention. Find more detailed information on the Innovation Service website of your organization.

1 WHY SHOULD YOU REPORT AN INVENTION?

- You and your institution will directly benefit from all commercialised inventions.
- Universities have the responsibility to bring inventions, created by public funding, into use for the benefit of society.
- It is stipulated by law to report an invention that results from your work at the University.

2 WHY SHOULD YOU KEEP YOUR INVENTION SECRET?

- Typically, only inventions whose intellectual property rights (IPR) have been protected can be efficiently commercialised.
- It is crucial to coordinate your publishing plans (written or oral) with your Innovation Service, as publication often destroys the possibility to obtain strong IP protection.

3 WHEN SHOULD YOU SUBMIT YOUR INVENTION DISCLOSURE?

- Ideally, submit your Invention disclosure (ID) as soon as you have a general description of the idea and its potential impact, possibly including also preliminary results. The review and acceptance procedure of publications usually takes several months. Thus, in some cases the IPR can be protected while the publication is being reviewed.
- Contact your Innovation Service even if you are uncertain if your data contain an invention or not.

4 HOW CAN YOU SUBMIT YOUR INVENTION DISCLOSURE?

- Find the ID form with detailed instructions on your Innovation Service website and submit the complete form to all employers you work for.
- If your invention was made in collaboration with researchers from other universities/institutions, an ID has to be submitted to the Innovation Service of each participating organization individually.

5 WHO OWNS THE RIGHTS TO YOUR INVENTION?

- According to 'Act on the Right on Inventions made at Higher Education Institutions' (UH and Aalto), the funding type where the invention resulted from determines the ownership of the invention under the following classification:
 - COLLABORATIVE or CONTRACT research
 - OPEN research
 - OTHER situation
- According to the 'Act on the Right of Employee Inventions' (HUS) and if an invention has been made in employment of HUS or as a result of using her/his experiences gained in HUS, the employer may acquire the right in the invention in whole or in part.
- Please contact your Innovation Service for clarifying the background regarding the ownership to your invention.

6 WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

- Your organization distributes the net income from selling, licensing or otherwise disposing of an invention according to institutional polices of commercialisation.
 - Aalto University: The inventors share is usually 40% of the net profit. Aalto also pays compenstation for invention disclosures, patent filings and for granted patents.
 - University of Helsinki: The inventors share can be up to 50% of the net profit.
 - Helsinki University Hospital: The inventors share is 50% of the net profit. HUS inventors also receive an invention reward in the amount of 1.000 EUR (to be dividved if more than one inventor).
- Parts of the commercialisation income will circulate back to your unit thus supporting your academic research.
- Innovation Services also support in further developing the idea and obtaining additional funding, such as Business Finland Research to Business funding.



Helsinki NETWORK Brain & Mind (HB&M) is a project that aims to establish a network-like hub for promoting collaboration in research innovation, infrastructure and industry in the field of neuroscience.



The University of Helsinki, Aalto University and the Helsinki University Hospital form the core of the network.



The network is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).



Head of Development, Anne Patana is coordinating the network.

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