

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

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Inventions and Related Property Rights Assignment (IRPRA) Form

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Individuals having a concurrent or primary employer other than Cornell University, and whose pre-existing invention and property rights obligations conflict with Cornell's assignment requirements and Policy 1.5, may be eligible to sign an Alternate Form. Questions regarding the Alternate Form should be directed to Robert R. Hoon, Senior Assoc General Counsel, at [rrh74@cornell.edu](mailto:rrh74@cornell.edu) or 607-255-5124.

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**INVENTIONS AND RELATED PROPERTY RIGHTS ASSIGNMENT**

1. I agree to assign and do hereby assign, presently and prospectively, to Cornell University, all rights, title, and interest in any Cornell Invention as defined in [Cornell Policy 1.5](#), made in the furtherance of my University Responsibilities and/or with the use of University Resources (including but not limited to the performance of a grant, contract, award or gift made to the University by any external agency), and to comply with the provisions of Policy 1.5 *Inventions and Related Property Rights*, as amended from time to time.
2. I agree to promptly disclose in writing, to the University an Invention Disclosure submitted to the Cornell Center for Technology Licensing (CTL), any discovery or invention conceived, developed or reduced to practice in the performance or term of my University Appointment, or with the use of University Resources, including but not limited to Cornell funding, equipment and/or facilities.
3. I understand that license revenue is shared between the University and qualifying "Inventors" in accordance with the revenue distribution section of [Cornell Policy 1.5](#).
4. I further represent I am not currently obligated to or under a consulting agreement, or other obligations to any third person, university, organization or corporation with respect to invention related rights that are, or could reasonably be construed to be, in conflict with this Assignment (*See, above contact for Alternate Form if pre-existing employment or conflicting commitments are present*).
5. I will further not enter into any future agreement(s) creating patent rights or obligations conflicting with this Assignment.
6. I understand and agree: a) electronic signatures and those transmitted by facsimile or PDF shall be deemed as valid original signatures; b) this Assignment shall not be denied legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic record and electronic signature may be used in its execution; and c) any photocopy, reproduction or facsimile of this fully executed Assignment shall have the same legal force and effect as any copy or document bearing original signatures.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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