

Academic Year 2021/22

Changes to Academic Regulations, Policies and Procedures forming part of the Student Contract

Document being changed/updated (Academic Regulations, Policy or Procedure)	Details of the changes that are being made	Date that the changes will take effect	Contact details for students to obtain further information about the changes
Intellectual Property Policy	<p>The University has developed a new Intellectual Property (“IP”) Policy which will come into effect on 1 September 2021 and replace the existing policy (which was effective from the academic year 2017/18). The new policy provides greater clarity for staff, students and third parties about how the University manages IP. The key changes from a student perspective are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Changes have been made to the revenue shares provisions, both where there is one creator and where there are joint creators. The revenue share provisions set out how the University will usually share any revenues created from the exploitation of IP with the person who created the IP. Tables comparing the net revenue shares under the old policy and the new policy appear at the end of the section. Full details of the revenue share arrangements can be found in paragraph 13.2.3 of the new policy.2. The University now has the right to keep any physical property which is produced during a student’s studies, such as prototypes, models and the results of projects (such as art works or the results of engineering projects). However, if a student who produced the work makes a request, the University may agree that the student can retain the physical property (see paragraph 5.3.2).3. The responsibilities of a student in relation to IP are now clarified in paragraph 5.4 of the new policy, for example the obligation upon a student to disclose any IP that they have created or has been created on a project which the student is	1 September 2021	<p>Nayan Patel Head of Commercialisation and Contracts</p> <p>Nayan.Patel@bcu.ac.uk</p>

involved in. See also the new procedure for managing IP within the University (set out in section 13). Further clarification that action may be taken against under the Student Disciplinary Procedure where a student fails to report and work with the Commercialisation Team in relation to IP as required under the policy (paragraph 5.5).

4. The removal of the specific provision in the existing policy which enabled the University and Research students to agree the terms of an assignment of pre-existing IP where significant IP is provided by a Research Student prior to enrolment.
5. Students must now consult with and obtain the approval of the Commercialisation Team before they use any University trade mark or logo (see paragraph 8.3).

Net Revenue Share for Individual Creators under the new Policy

Net Revenue	Creator's share	BCU Enterprise Limited	Faculty/Service Department share
First £25,000 of Net Revenue	70%	20%	10%
Revenue £25,001 - £100,000 of Net Revenue	60%	20%	20%
Revenue £100,001 - £500,000 of Net Revenue	40%	30%	30%

Revenue greater than £500,000 of Net Revenue	20%	40%	40%
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Net Revenue Share for Individual Creators under the old Policy

Net Revenue	Creator's share	BCU share	Faculty/Service Department share
First £15,000 of Net Revenue	80%	10%	10%
Revenue > £15,000 of Net Revenue	50%	25%	25%

Joint Creators

Where more than one employee and/or student is involved in the development of IP, there will be a presumption that joint creators will each have equal shares. For example, a net revenue of £10,000 would be split in the following proportions under the old and the new policy:

New policy

Creator 1	£3,500 (35%)
Creator 2	£3,500 (35%)
BCU Enterprise Limited	£2,000 (20%)
Faculty/Service Department	£1,000 (10%)

Old policy

Creator 1	£4,000 (40%)
Creator 2	£4,000 (40%)
BCU Enterprise Limited	£1,000 (10%)
Faculty/Service Department	£1,000 (10%)

