

Kyushu University Detailed Regulations for Implementation of the Regulations for Handling Intellectual Property

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(Purpose)

Article 1 These Detailed Regulations shall provide for necessary matters relevant to compensation for inventors and handling of intellectual property pursuant to the provisions of Articles 11 and 36 of the Kyushu University Regulations for Handling Intellectual Property (Kyushu University Regulation No. 93 of 2004; hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations").

(Definitions)

Article 2 In these Detailed Regulations, the meanings of the terms set forth in the following items are as provided respectively in those items:

- (i) the term "inventor" means an employee, etc. (meaning the employee, etc. provided in Article 2, paragraph 1, item (ii) of the Regulations) who has vested a right to the grant of a patent in Kyushu University (hereinafter referred to as the "University") pursuant to Article 6 of the Regulations;
- (ii) the term "license fee, etc." means income gained by the University from a private organization or other related organization (hereinafter referred to as the "private organization, etc.") in the case where the University exploits its patent right, etc. (meaning the patent right, etc. provided in Article 10 of the Regulations), such as granting a license or transferring a patent right, etc. to the private organization, etc. (if the University also concludes an agreement such as a license agreement or transfer agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "license agreement, etc.") jointly with organizations such as other universities or national research institutes, and the University receives the whole amount of income receivable by all of them, the amount to be allocated to the organizations will be deducted);
- (iii) the term "technology transfer fee" means a fee to be paid to a technology transfer organization in the case where the University has entrusted the organization with the technology transfer work pursuant to the provisions of Article 31, paragraph (3) of the Regulations and has gained a license fee, etc. as a result of the work; and
- (iv) The term "compensation for licensing" means monetary compensation to be paid to an inventor (including an inventor who is no longer an employee of the University due to voluntary termination of employment or for any other reason) when the University receives a license fee, etc.

(Allocation of License Fee, etc.)

Article 3 (1) If the University receives a license fee, etc., it shall allocate 37.5% to the inventor, 25% to the University Headquarters, and 37.5% to the Academic Research and Industrial Collaboration Management Office of Kyushu University (hereinafter the "AiRiMaQ").

(2) If the technology transfer work has been entrusted to a technology transfer organization, 25% of the total amount of the license fee, etc. shall be allocated to the organization as a technology transfer fee, from the portion of the license fee, etc. allocatable to the University Headquarters under the preceding paragraph. Provided, however, that if the Special IP Management Target provided in Article 32 of the Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the "Special IP Management Target") carries out the technology transfer work, 12.5% of the total amount of the license fee, etc. may be allocated to the Special IP Management Target from the portion allocatable to the University Headquarters under the preceding paragraph.

(3) With regard to the license fee, etc. that is to be allocated to a specific Special IP Management Target under the preceding paragraph, if the said Special IP Management Target has been terminated, the license fee, etc. may be allocated to a laboratory or other entity within Kyushu University designated prior to the termination of the Special IP Management Target.

(4) If the University acquires a license fee, etc. in the form of shares, etc. (including share options and bonds with share options), it implements the allocation pursuant to paragraph (1) when the shares, etc. are converted into cash.

(5) Whenever a license fee, etc. is paid, the University pays compensation for licensing to an inventor promptly.

(6) The amount of license fee, etc. for each patent right, etc. (patent rights, etc. arising from the same base application (including patent rights, etc. in foreign countries) are treated as one patent right, etc.; the same applies hereinafter) in the case where the University conducts a comprehensive technology transfer (meaning a technology transfer to a private organization, etc. involving two or more patent rights, etc. under an agreement for license or transfer, etc.; the same applies hereinafter) is, in principle, the amount calculated by distributing the total amount of license fee, etc. evenly to each patent right, etc.; provided, however, that the distribution ratio may be determined after hearing opinions from the persons concerned with regard to factors such as the degree of contribution by the University to each patent right, etc.

(7) If the composition of the patent rights, etc. involved in the comprehensive technology transfer changes after the conclusion of the technology transfer agreement, the University implements the distribution pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph on the basis of the composition of the patent rights, etc. at the time of the payment of the license fee, etc. to the University; provided, however, that this does not apply to cases where otherwise provided.

(Giving Back of License Fee, etc. to Divisions)

Article 4 (1) If the total amount of license fee, etc. for a specific patent right, etc. (if two or more patent rights, etc. arise from the same base application or are involved in a license agreement, etc.: all patent rights, etc. concerned) for one business year is 20 million yen or more, 18.75% of the total amount of the license fee, etc. is given back to the division with which an inventor is affiliated (meaning the division specified by an inventor when making a notification of invention; hereinafter referred to as the "inventor's affiliated division") from the portion of the license fee, etc. allocated to the AiRiMaQ under paragraph (1) of the preceding Article.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if patent right, etc. have been transferred from a terminated Special IP Management Target to the AiRiMaQ, and the total amount of the license fee, etc. for all such transferred rights reaches or exceeds 20 million yen in a single fiscal year, 18.75% of the total amount of the license fee, etc. is given back to the inventor's affiliated division from the portion of the license fee, etc. allocated to the AiRiMaQ under paragraph (1) of the preceding Article.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of the paragraph(1), if expenses for an application, etc. (meaning the application, etc. provided in Article 9, paragraph (1) of the Regulations) for a specific patent right, etc. are paid from a budget managed by a Special IP Management Target pursuant to the provisions of Article 16, 37.5% of the total amount of the license fee, etc. is given back to the Special IP Management Target from the portion of the license fee, etc. allocated to the AiRiMaQ under paragraph (1) of the preceding Article.

(4) If, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9 of the Regulations, expenses for an application, etc. for a specific patent right, etc. are paid from a budget managed by an inventor's affiliated division (excluding the case where the expenses are paid from a budget managed by a Special IP Management Target pursuant to the provisions of Article 16), 18.75% of the total amount of the license fee, etc. is given back to the inventor's affiliated division from the portion of the license fee, etc. allocated to the AiRiMaQ under paragraph (1) of the preceding Article.

(5) In the case referred to in the preceding paragraph, if an agreement necessary for a technology transfer is to be concluded with regard to the specific patent right, etc., and the inventor chooses not to give back the license fee, etc. to the inventor's affiliated division, any expenses for an application, etc. incurred thereafter may be paid pursuant to the provisions of Article 9 of the Regulations. In this case, the expenses for an application, etc. that have already been paid from a budget managed by the inventor's affiliated division are not returned to the inventor's affiliated invention.

(6) In the cases referred to in paragraphs (1) to (4), if two or more inventors are involved in a specific patent right, etc., the amount calculated in accordance with the provisions of the following Article shall be given back to each inventor's affiliated division. If any of the inventors is a student of the University, the relevant amount is given back to the division in

which the student is enrolled.

(Calculation of Compensation for licensing)

Article 5 (1) If two or more inventors are involved in the same invention, the University calculates the amount of compensation for licensing in proportion to their shares at the University.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, if all inventors give consent in advance on the allocation of compensation for licensing, the University may calculate and allocate the amount of compensation for licensing to each inventor based on their consent.

(3) If a fraction of less than 1,000 yen exists in the amount allocated to each inventor as calculated pursuant to Article 3, paragraph (1) or the preceding two paragraphs, it is rounded down to the nearest 1,000 yen.

(Notice of Allocation to Inventor)

Article 6 (1) If the University receives a license fee, etc., it gives notice to an inventor with regard to the allocation of compensation for licensing.

(2) If an inventor changes, due to voluntary termination of employment or for any other reason, the address to which the notice of allocation provided in the preceding paragraph is to be sent, the inventor must submit a form provided separately to the University.

(Use of Compensation for Licensing)

Article 7 An inventor may, at their own will, use all or part of the compensation for licensing to cover expenses for the education and research the inventor carries out at the University, by following the prescribed procedure.

(Procedure for Payment of Compensation for Licensing)

Article 8 (1) The University pays compensation for licensing to an inventor by bank transfer to the bank account designated by the inventor. In principle, the bank account used for the payment of salary to the inventor is used as the bank account for the payment of compensation for licensing.

(2) If an inventor changes the bank account referred to in the preceding paragraph, the inventor must submit a form provided separately to the University.

(3) If the University is unable to pay compensation for licensing by bank transfer due to any cause not attributable to it, it withholds payment of the compensation for licensing.

(4) If, with regard to the compensation for licensing for which the University withholds payment pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the inventor makes a claim for payment of the compensation for licensing before the completion of the period of extinctive

prescription for the claim, the University shall pay the compensation as claimed.

(Vesting of Right)

Article 9 If an inventor transfers to or vests in a third party a right to receive payment of compensation for licensing, the inventor must submit a document certifying the transfer, etc. to the University.

(Application to Inventions Other Than Employee Inventions)

Article 10 The University may apply these Detailed Regulations if it acquires a patent right, etc. from an employee by a method other than the method provided in Article 6 of the Regulations or acquires a patent right, etc. from a person other than an employee, and the Director of the Academic Research and Industrial Collaboration Management Office of Kyushu University (hereinafter referred to as the "Director of the AiRiMaQ") finds it necessary.

(Application Mutatis Mutandis to Other Payments)

Article 11 (1) The provisions of Article 3 to the preceding Article apply mutatis mutandis to the payment of compensation, etc. for a utility model right, design right or layout-design exploitation right provided in Article 13 of the Regulations which belongs to the University (including rights to receive the registration of these rights).

(2) The provisions of Article 3 to the preceding Article apply mutatis mutandis to the payment of compensation, etc. for a copyright provided in Articles 15 to 21 of the Regulations which belongs to the University.

(3) The provisions of Article 3 to the preceding Article apply mutatis mutandis to the payment of compensation, etc. for know-how provided in Articles 23 to 29 of the Regulations which belongs to the University.

(Application for and Recognition of Special IP Management Target)

Article 12 (1) Applications for designation as a Special IP Management Target, changes to the application content, and expiration of the application period shall be subject to the necessary procedures as separately prescribed.

(2) Except for procedures related to changes (excluding procedures for changing the reasons or objectives for applying for designation as a Special IP Management Target) and expiration, approval of procedures concerning the Special IP Management Target under the preceding paragraph shall be made by the President following deliberation by the Industry University Government Collaboration Strategic Council as prescribed in Article 7, paragraph (1) of the Kyushu University Regulation on the Education and Research Council (Kyushu University Regulation No. 6 of 2004).

(3) The President must give notice to the applicant with regard to whether or not recognition is granted, the period of recognition, and other matters.

(4) The AiRiMaQ shall make a recognized Special IP Management Target public by posting it on the University's website.

(Approval of Employee Invention of Special IP Management Target)

Article 13 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 5 of the Regulations, the approval of an employee invention in the case where an employee of a Special IP Management Target has made an invention within the Special IP Management Target shall be deliberated within the Special IP Management Target and the result of the deliberation shall be reported by the Special IP Management Target representative to the Director of the AiRiMaQ.

(2) If the Director of the AiRiMaQ receives a report referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Director shall promptly decide on the approval of the invention and give notice of the decision to the Special IP Management Target representative.

(Succession to Right of Special IP Management Target)

Article 14 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 7, 18 and 26 of the Regulations, the succession to a right to the grant of a patent for an employee invention, copyright for works such as a database and a know-how exploitation right which arise in a Special IP Management Target shall be deliberated within the Special IP Management Target, and the result of the deliberation shall be reported by the Special IP Management Target representative to the Director of the AiRiMaQ.

(2) If the Director of the AiRiMaQ receives a report referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Director shall promptly decide on the succession, etc. to the right and give notice of the decision to the Special IP Management Target representative.

(Payment of Expenses for Application, etc. Incurred in Special IP Management Target)

Article 15 Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 9 of the Regulations, expenses for an application, etc. incurred in a Special IP Management Target shall be paid from a budget managed by the Special IP Management Target.

(Others)

Article 16 The provisions from Article 12 to the preceding Article do not apply to any tangible materials or clinical trial data.

Article 17 If there are any circumstances under which the AiRiMaQ is unable to manage and use intellectual property (excluding tangible materials, breeder's rights and clinical trial data)

pursuant to the provisions up to the preceding Article, the Director of the AiRiMaQ shall deliberate with the President and take appropriate measures.

Article 18 Beyond what is provided in these Detailed Regulations, necessary matters are prescribed by the Director of the AiRiMaQ.

Supplementary Provisions

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of October 1, 2015.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 12 of 2016)

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2017.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 3 of 2018)

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of May 25, 2018, and apply from April 1, 2018.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 19 of 2018)

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of November 26, 2018, and apply from November 1, 2018.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 24 of 2018)

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of December 28, 2018, and apply from December 1, 2018.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 31 of 2018)

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of February 1, 2019.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 4 of 2019)

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of May 31, 2019, and apply from April 1, 2019.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 12 of 2019)

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of October 1, 2019.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 24 of 2020)

These Detailed Regulations come into effect as of April 1, 2021.

Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 3 of 2021)

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Supplementary Provisions (Kyushu University Detailed Regulation No. 34 of 2021)

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