

Development of the Intellectual Property Lens

The intellectual property (IP) lens on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework was developed by Vitae and the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) drawing on a range of expertise and experience through consultation with representatives from institutions with experience of developing researchers. The lens links to the competencies developed by the IP for Research education programme.

About the Intellectual Property Office

The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) is the official UK government body responsible for intellectual property (IP) rights including patents, designs, trade marks and copyright. It is an Executive Agency of the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). It aims to stimulate innovation and enhance the international competitiveness of British industry and commerce. It offers customers an accessible, high quality, value for money system both nationally and internationally, for granting intellectual property rights.

“Knowledge exchange, commercialisation and collaboration present different pathways to realise impact. The IPO is committed to supporting institutions to make informed decisions about using their intellectual property (IP) by developing understanding of IP and its potential among researchers.

We are therefore delighted to have worked with Vitae to develop the IP Lens to help researchers develop the knowledge, behaviours and attitudes needed to navigate the IP environment and be confident using IP to maximise the impact of their research”.

Guy Robinson, Deputy Director, Innovation Directorate

How to use the Intellectual Property Lens

Researchers may wish to use this lens to:

- Identify how understanding intellectual property can contribute to their professional development as a researcher
- Identify how the skills and attributes they have developed through research can contribute to, or underpin their development in managing their intellectual property (IP)
- Select areas that they need to develop to be more effective in understanding and maximising their intellectual property and use this to inform development reviews
- Provide evidence of the transferability of their IP skills in their CV, in job applications and at interviews both inside and outside of academia

Researcher developers and staff working in Technology Transfer Offices may wish to use this lens to:

- Demonstrate to researchers and other stakeholders the importance of understanding the implications of intellectual property and how it can contribute towards the overall professional development of researchers
- Enable researchers to recognise the learning they have acquired about intellectual property and highlight the transferability of these abilities commercially
- Assist researchers to plan their career development taking into account commercialisation and intellectual property
- Work with researchers to maximise opportunity when commercialising research by providing complementary support eg. income and funding generation

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Researcher Development Framework

Intellectual Property lens on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework

Overview

The Vitae Researcher Development Framework (RDF) underpins a major new approach to developing world-class researchers. The framework has been developed by and for researchers working in higher education as an aid to planning, promoting and enhancing professional and career development. It articulates the knowledge, behaviours and attributes of successful researchers and encourages all researchers to realise their potential.

This is one of a series of lenses on the Vitae Researcher Development Framework.

This lens links to the IP for Research education programme, which enables researchers to explore intellectual property rights (IPRs) and how they relate to knowledge exchange and commercialisation. The programme consists of six short guides available online and an interactive workshop.

Visit www.ipo.gov.uk/ip-support for further information.

Supporting materials related to this lens are available at www.vitae.ac.uk/rdfenses

Purpose of a lens

This lens highlights the importance of understanding intellectual property (IP) in the professional development of researchers. The lens provides an overview of the key knowledge, behaviours and attributes that researchers need to develop to ensure they understand IP and how they can use it to maximise the social and economic impact of their research.

Context

The Intellectual Property Office (IPO) is committed to delivering an IP system that supports innovators, creators and entrepreneurs. This includes educating the next generation about how to develop, use and respect IP. Their IP for Research education programme aims to develop an understanding of IP and its potential amongst doctoral and early career researchers, including opportunities for commercialisation.

Describing intellectual property and intellectual property rights

In this lens we use the following definitions:

Intellectual Property (IP) is a term which refers to creations of the mind, which are intangible but still valuable. This includes things like inventions, brand names, creative works and product designs.

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) are the legal instruments that protect the various different kinds of IP trade marks, designs, copyright and patents are the types of IPR. These provide the owner with the legal right to stop someone else from using, commercialising or copying the IP without the owner's permission.

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