



TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

**POLICY: Intellectual Property Rights**  
**Number: 1.4.3**

Responsibility: Executive Administration  
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State Policy/Law: SBTCE Policy 8-0-107, U.S. Copyright Act 1976, State Ethics Act

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Commission Chair

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President

Except as specifically and expressly exempted herein or in the procedures developed under this policy, it is the policy of the Technical College of the Lowcountry that copyrights, patents, and all other forms of intellectual property developed by any employee of the Technical College of the Lowcountry using institutional resources are the exclusive property of the College. No transfer of ownership rights in copyrights, patents, or other forms of intellectual property shall occur unless the College expressly and specifically transfer(s) the ownership rights, in whole or in part, to the employee or other party or parties.

Except as may be provided for in procedures developed under this policy, students shall have exclusive ownership of intellectual property developed on their own time and at their own expense, including all products of course assignments, subject to written agreement with external parties. The College shall have ownership of intellectual property developed by the student if the College funded development of the property, or if the College and student entered into an agreement for the College to have ownership of the property, or to purchase the property upon completion of development.

Procedure: 1.4.3.1 – Intellectual Property Rights