

STUDENT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I understand that as a student at Tennessee Technological University (hereinafter "University") it may be my privilege, as a student to participate in research and design projects ("Research Projects"). I hereby acknowledge and agree that the participation in such Research Projects, including the exposure to facilities, equipment, and faculty mentoring, provided to me during the course of the project may greatly contribute to my education and enhance my resume. In consideration of the foregoing benefits afforded to me, I agree to the following.

A. I agree that the University shall own and I hereby assign any and all proprietary information and intellectual property that is reduced to practice or conceived by me, either solely or jointly with others, while participating in the Research Project at the University including without limitation any patents, copyrights, and trade secrets and further agree that the work done by me shall be deemed a work made for hire as defined in the U.S. Copyright Act. I will cooperate with the University in making application for U.S. and foreign patents or copyrights at the request of and at the expense of the University should it determine, in its sole discretion, that an application is warranted. I will do all acts required to assist the University in obtaining, maintaining, and enforcing patents and copyrights or other proprietary interests in programs and software systems and in otherwise protecting proprietary information in any and all countries, all to be done without further compensation to me other than reimbursement for direct expenses in providing such assistance

B. I further agree and acknowledge that during the course of such Research Projects I may be exposed to certain documentation, data, know-how and reports (hereinafter "proprietary information") that belongs to either the University or a third party who has contracted with the University. I further agree not to divulge, publish, or otherwise make known to unauthorized persons or to the public any information obtained in the course of the Capstone Design Project unless and until I have received written permission to do so by my Principal Investigator/Professor. I understand the unauthorized disclosure, copying, distributing, or misuse of confidential proprietary information is a serious breach of my duty to the University and will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of enrollment as a student at University. Furthermore, I will not directly or indirectly during or after the time during which I am a student and for a period of three (3) years thereafter give to any person any proprietary information belonging to the University or any third party sponsor of research at the University including, but not limited to, data or information relating to products, programs, software, systems, inventions, ideas, processes, research, and the like and including, without limitation, drawings, programs, software, system sketches, layouts, formulae, specifications, reports, and other written manufacturing, technical, or scientific information to which I have been exposed .

The team agrees to participate in the capstone project titled _____ and sponsored by _____ under the terms stated above.

Faculty in Charge Name _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____

Team Members

Member Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Member Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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