# Invention Disclosure Form Introduction Disclosure #

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Upon completion of the form and signature by **all** the appropriate people, please return this form to Commercial and Investment Services via email to cis@ecu.edu.au. Commercial and Investment Services will provide acknowledgement of receipt of the completed invention disclosure form.

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1. [ ]  Have all the researchers signed the form?
2. [ ]  Have you included all appropriate supporting material?
3. [ ]  Have you kept a copy for your records?
4. [ ]  Has the Associate Dean (Research) / Executive Dean signed the form?

# Invention Disclosure Form Content

Date:

Person(s) making disclosure:

School / Strategic Research Institute or Centre:

Name/Research Project title (try to keep to 5 words or less):

Other names that the project is called – full name:

Lead Researcher contact details, please include name if not the person completing the disclosure:

List names of any co-researchers involved in the development of the Intellectual Property, their employer during the development of the Intellectual Property and their current employer(s):

Are any students in the list above, if yes please provide Student Number(s)? [ ]  Yes [ ]  No

If yes, please ensure the student is advised of this disclosure.

What is the problem that your research aimed to address?

What is your invention? Briefly describe, in lay terms, your research solution to the problem.

What is the field of technology for the invention?

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|[ ]  Agriculture/Aquaculture |[ ]  Biotechnology |[ ]  Chemical |

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|[ ]  Computer/IT/Software |[ ]  Energy |[ ]  Electrical/Electronics |

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|[ ]  Environmental |[ ]  Pharmaceuticals |[ ]  Materials |

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|[ ]  Medical/Diagnostics |[ ]  Mechanical/Engineering |[ ]  Pharmaceuticals |

Other (please describe)

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Has any third-party funding, for example research grants or collaboration arrangements, been accessed in developing this invention? If yes, please provide summary details, below and attach copies of relevant documents/correspondence. Please include details of any background IP used to create this invention, specifically where external funding has been accessed to develop the background IP.

Have any publications or presentations closely related to this invention been published or delivered by one or more of the research team? Please provide details of the publication(s) and/or presentation(s), including dates, the audience communicated to and reference materials, if any.

What details of this invention have been disclosed to date?

If not yet disclosed is there a journal paper, other publication, or presentation in preparation? If so, provide drafts and details of anticipated publication outlets and timing.

Describe the current market for this opportunity and expected benefit from this invention.

What evidence do you have that the invention solves the problem?

Are you aware of any competing offerings in the market or similar research being conducted elsewhere that addresses this particular problem? What is the closest existing known technology to the invention?

 Using the Technology Readiness Level Definitions that can be found [here](https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/staff/centres/finance-and-business-services/our-services/commercial-and-investment-services), outline the TRL of the invention and the outline the evidence and rationale for the TRL selected?

Do you have any comments as to why this invention is better than the currently available solutions?

What do you see are the potential market applications and markets for the invention? Who do you see will be the potential customers for the invention?

What do you think are the main steps required and likely timeframe before this invention can be used in a commercial context? Do you have any commercialisation partners in mind?

Is there any additional research required to be conducted before this invention can be used in a commercial context? Do you have or are you seeking funding for this additional research? If so, please provide details?

Please list individuals (both on and/or off campus) with technical or economic knowledge in the field of the invention who could be asked (under confidentiality agreements) to review, assess, or evaluate the technical and commercial potential of this invention?

Please include any other information which you feel may be important in the assessment of your invention.

Signed:

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ASSOCIATE DEAN (RESEARCH)

Executive Dean Declaration:

[ ]  I acknowledge and approve the submission of this Invention Disclosure Form to the ECU Commercialisation process.

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EXECUTIVE DEAN

Date:

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