



St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous)

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY

1. Preamble

St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) recognises that research, teaching, and innovation carried out by its faculty, students, and research scholars may give rise to Intellectual Property (IP) of academic, social, and commercial value. In keeping with the College's commitment to 'Magis' – striving for excellence – and its mandate to promote a vibrant research culture, this policy establishes a clear, fair, and transparent framework for the identification, ownership, protection, and commercialisation of IP generated using the College's resources, name, or facilities, consistent with the Government of India's National IPR Policy, 2016.

2. Objectives of the Policy

- To create awareness of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) – patents, copyrights, trademarks, designs, geographical indications, and trade secrets – among faculty, students, and research scholars.
- To establish clear ownership norms for IP created using College resources, funding, or facilities.
- To encourage disclosure, protection, and responsible commercialisation of innovations arising from research and teaching at SJCC.
- To ensure equitable sharing of recognition and revenue between the College and the creator(s) of IP.
- To safeguard the College's own IP – including its name, logo, publications, and course materials – from unauthorised use.
- To align institutional practice with the National IPR Policy, 2016 and NAAC's expectations regarding IPR awareness, filing, and outreach.

3. Scope of the Policy

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, PhD scholars, research guides, project staff, and external collaborators who create, contribute to, or use Intellectual Property using the name, funding, infrastructure, laboratories, library, or other resources of St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), whether the work is done individually, jointly, or in collaboration with external agencies, industry partners, or other institutions.

It covers IP arising from: sponsored and non-sponsored (institutional/BJES-funded) research projects; PhD, PG, and UG dissertations, theses, and projects; faculty publications, course material, and case studies developed for teaching; software, datasets, and digital tools developed on campus; and any innovation, process, or creative work disclosed to the College under this policy.



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4. Definitions

Term	Definition
Intellectual Property (IP)	Creations of the mind – inventions, literary and artistic works, designs, symbols, names, images, software, and datasets – that may be legally protected as patents, copyrights, trademarks, designs, geographical indications, or trade secrets.
Creator / Inventor	The faculty member, student, research scholar, or staff member who conceives or develops the IP, either individually or jointly.
Institutional Resources	Any funding, infrastructure, laboratory, library resource, data, administrative support, or College-affiliated name/brand used in the creation of the IP.
Sponsored Research	Research funded wholly or partly by an external agency (e.g., UGC, ICSSR, BJES Seed Money, industry, or government body) under a specific agreement.
Disclosure	A written statement submitted by the creator(s) to the IPR Cell describing an invention or creative work with potential IP value, made prior to any public disclosure or publication.
Commercialisation	The licensing, assignment, sale, or other exploitation of IP for commercial gain, whether by the College, the creator, or a third party.
IPR Cell	The body constituted under this policy to manage IP disclosure, protection, and commercialisation on behalf of the College.

5. Ownership of Intellectual Property

5.1 General Principle

Ownership of IP is determined by the extent to which College resources were used in its creation, and by the nature of the underlying research or academic activity, as set out below.

Category of Work	Ownership
IP created using substantial College resources, funding, or infrastructure (e.g., BJES Seed Money projects, Institutional Research Grants)	Jointly owned by the College and the creator(s), in the proportion set out in Section 7
IP created under a sponsored research project with an external funding agency	Governed first by the terms of the sponsorship/MoU; in the absence of a specific clause, jointly owned by the College and the creator(s) as above
IP created by a student as part of a UG/PG project or PhD thesis, without substantial additional College resources beyond normal academic supervision	Owned by the student-creator; the College retains a non-exclusive, royalty-free licence to use the work for academic, non-commercial purposes (including archival and plagiarism-check repositories)



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Course material, case studies, question banks, and teaching content developed by faculty in the ordinary course of their duties	Owned by the College for institutional/teaching use; the faculty author retains the right to be credited and to use the material in their own academic portfolio and CV
Copyright in journal articles, books, and conference papers authored by faculty/scholars	Owned by the author(s), subject to the terms of the publishing agreement with the journal/publisher; the College is acknowledged as the affiliated institution
The College's own name, logo, crest, motto, and official publications	Owned exclusively by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) / BJES

5.2 Joint Creators

Where IP is created jointly by two or more persons, all creators shall be named in any disclosure, application, or agreement, and shall share in any recognition or revenue in proportion to their contribution, as mutually agreed in writing and recorded by the IPR Cell at the time of disclosure.

6. The IPR Cell

The College shall constitute an IPR Cell, functioning under the overall guidance of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC), to implement this policy.

6.1 Composition

- Principal – Chairperson
- Director, SJCC Research Centre – Convenor
- Innovation Cell Director
- Two faculty members nominated by the Principal, with research or IPR familiarity
- One external IPR expert / patent agent, invited as needed

6.2 Roles & Responsibilities of the IPR Cell

- To create awareness of IPR among faculty, students, and research scholars through workshops, seminars, and training programmes.
- To receive and evaluate IP disclosures submitted under Section 8.
- To advise creators on the appropriate form of protection (patent, copyright, trademark, design, or trade secret) and to guide filing procedures.
- To coordinate with external patent agents, attorneys, or facilitation centres (e.g., State IP Facilitation Centres) for filing and prosecution of applications.
- To maintain a record of all IP disclosures, filings, grants, and commercialisation agreements.
- To recommend commercialisation, licensing, or assignment of College-owned IP to the Principal for approval.
- To review and recommend amendments to this policy from time to time.



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7. Filing, Costs, and Revenue Sharing

7.1 Filing Costs

Where the IPR Cell recommends filing a patent, design, or trademark application in relation to jointly-owned IP under Section 5.1, the College shall bear the statutory filing fees and reasonable professional/agent fees, subject to budgetary approval by the Principal. Where the creator wishes to file independently without College support, ownership and costs shall be governed by separate written agreement.

7.2 Revenue Sharing on Commercialisation

Net revenue (after deducting filing, prosecution, and commercialisation costs) arising from the licensing, assignment, or sale of jointly-owned IP shall ordinarily be shared as follows, unless a different proportion is agreed in writing at the time of disclosure:

Share of Net Revenue	Recipient
60%	Creator(s), in proportion to their contribution
40%	The College / BJES, to be applied towards the Research Centre's corpus for further research promotion

Where a creator wishes to use College-owned IP to found a start-up or spin-off, they may apply to the IPR Cell for a licence; the IPR Cell shall recommend appropriate licensing terms, including any use of the College's name or trademarks, for the Principal's approval.

8. Disclosure Procedure

- Any creator who believes their work may have patentable or otherwise protectable IP value shall submit a written Invention/IP Disclosure to the IPR Cell before public disclosure, publication, or presentation of the work.
- The IPR Cell shall acknowledge receipt within two weeks and evaluate the disclosure for novelty, potential protection route, and commercial or academic value.
- Pending evaluation, the creator shall maintain confidentiality of the disclosed work and avoid public disclosure that could compromise novelty (e.g., for patent purposes).
- The IPR Cell shall communicate its recommendation – to proceed with filing, to advise publication without filing, or to decline institutional support – within a reasonable time, ordinarily not exceeding 60 days.

9. Confidentiality and Third-Party Collaboration

Where research is conducted in collaboration with industry, government bodies, or other institutions, the IPR Cell shall ensure that any Material Transfer Agreement (MTA), Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) clearly specifies ownership, confidentiality obligations, and IP-



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sharing arrangements before the collaboration commences. No faculty member, student, or scholar shall enter into an external IP-related agreement on behalf of the College without the Principal's prior written approval.

10. Dispute Resolution

Any dispute regarding ownership, inventorship, or revenue-sharing of IP under this policy shall first be referred to the IPR Cell for resolution. If unresolved, the matter shall be referred to the Principal, whose decision – taken in consultation with the RAC – shall be final and binding on all parties within the institution, without prejudice to any party's rights under applicable law.

11. Regulatory Compliance

Aligned with Current National and UGC-Linked Norms

This policy operates within the framework of the National IPR Policy, 2016 (Government of India), and the Patents Act, 1970, the Copyright Act, 1957, and the Trade Marks Act, 1999, as applicable. It is designed to support the IPR-awareness, disclosure, and outreach expectations reflected in NAAC's assessment framework for research, innovation, and extension (Criterion III), and complements the UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018 in respect of authorship and originality. PhD-related IP arising from theses is additionally read together with the research-output provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022. As of the last review, no dedicated UGC regulation exclusively governs IP ownership in HEIs; this policy therefore adopts prevailing national IPR practice and common institutional norms, and shall be revised if the UGC or BCU notifies specific requirements in future.

12. Enforcement and Review

This policy applies to all staff, students, and PhD scholars of St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous), Bengaluru, and to any external collaborator engaging with the College's research or teaching activities. It shall be reviewed by the IPR Cell and the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) periodically, and any amendment shall take effect only upon approval by the Principal.



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