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VICE PROVOST KATHRYN ATCHISON, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND INDUSTRY RELATIONS

Delegation of Authority – Execution of Documents Related to Material Transfer Agreements

References:  (a) UC DA 2036 (To Solicit and Accept or Execute Certain Extramural Grants and Contracts) to Chancellors, dated March 10, 1995;
(b) University of California Contract and Grant Manual;
(c) National Institutes of Health (NIH) – General Information on Uniform Biological Material Transfer Agreements (UBMTA);
(d) University of California Patent Policy.

Supersedes:  New

Effective as of the date, above, I hereby delegate to you, in your area of responsibility, the authority to execute Material Transfer Agreements (MTA) and Uniform Biological Material Transfer Agreements (UBMTA, in accordance with the policies of The Regents. You may also approve requests for appropriate exceptions to UCOP and Regental policies in the execution of such documents and seek ultimate approval from UCOP or the Vice Chancellor for Research, as appropriate.

For purposes of this delegation, an MTA is a written agreement entered into by a provider and a recipient of research material. The intent of the MTA is to protect the intellectual property rights and other rights of the parties while permitting research with the material to proceed. The most common subjects of material transfer agreements are biological materials and chemical compounds. However, MTAs may also be used to transfer other types of materials including, but not limited to, databases and software. The provider of the materials does not provide research funding for the project. The materials are not to be used in humans.

There are three forms of material transfer that commonly arise at academic institutions, each calling for different terms and conditions. They are: material transfer between academic institutions; material transfer from industry to UCLA; and material transfer from UCLA to industry. To encourage the process of sharing research tools between scientists, the NIH and the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) have developed standard language to simplify material transfers between academic institutions. The Uniform Biological Material Transfer Agreement (UBMTA) shall generally be used for such material transfers whenever possible.
Any redelegation shall be in writing with copies to me and those listed below.

Gene D. Block
Chancellor

cc: Executive Vice Chancellor & Provost
Vice Chancellor for Research
Executive Director, Research Administration & Technology Transfer
Universitywide Policy Coordinator
Manager Administrative Policies & Delegations