



OU SBME Translational Stimulation Committee (TSC)

Disclosure and Patent Incentives Description

The OU SBME Translational Stimulation Committee (TSC) is committed to fostering a culture of innovation, entrepreneurship, and translational research within the Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering. To encourage the development of intellectual property (IP) and support early-stage technology translation, the TSC has established a recognition and incentive program for faculty, students, and research teams engaged in invention disclosure and patent filing activities.

Purpose

This program aims to:

- Motivate teams to identify and protect innovative ideas arising from their research and design projects.
- Strengthen OU SBME's portfolio of intellectual property and translational research outputs.
- Promote awareness of the technology transfer process and the importance of IP in biomedical innovation.

Eligibility

- All OU SBME-affiliated research teams (faculty, students, or staff) are eligible to participate.
- The invention must be disclosed or filed through the University of Oklahoma Office of Technology Commercialization (OTC).
- Awards are provided per team, not per individual contributor.

Incentive Structure

To recognize and reward innovation milestones, the TSC will provide the following incentives:

- **\$200** for each provisional patent application filed through OU OTC.
- **\$500** for each full (non-provisional) patent application awarded.
- Certificate of Recognition for each official invention disclosure submitted to OU OTC, regardless of patent filing outcome.

Conditions

- Incentives are disbursed after confirmation of submission or filing by OU OTC.



- All expenditures must comply with University of Oklahoma purchasing and compliance policies.
- Funding is limited and subject to annual TSC budget availability. TSC has allocated \$2,000 annually for this purpose.

Program Impact

Through this initiative, the TSC seeks to stimulate translational innovation, support commercialization pathways, and celebrate the creative accomplishments of the OU SBME community. By rewarding engagement in the patent process, we aim to enhance the visibility and impact of biomedical engineering innovations emerging from the University of Oklahoma.

Application and Collection

A brief application email should be submitted to the TSC (sbme_tsc@groups.ou.edu), including confirmation of disclosure and patent application.

The TSC will also correspond with OU OTC every 6 months to track all OU SBME-affiliated research teams (faculty, students, or staff) that have filed an invention disclosure, provisional patent application, or non-provisional application. If you believe you were not recognized for an award, please contact TSC (sbme_tsc@groups.ou.edu).

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