

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PROTECTION & COMMERCIALIZATION AT UAB

UAB Harbert Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (HIIE)

About the HIIE

The HIIE houses UAB's technology transfer office, the UAB Research Foundation. We serve as the university hub for innovations developed by UAB faculty and staff, and we help create business relationships between UAB faculty and commercial entities in order to develop products from discoveries, inventions, and research generated on our campus. These relationships often lead to licensing agreements, which grant the commercial entities rights to commercialize those technologies.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCHERS, FACULTY & STAFF

Why Disclose Your Intellectual Property (IP)?

- IP Protection: Safeguard against unauthorized use
- Development, manufacturing and commercialization post-licensing
- Maximizing impact and reach
 - From the bench to the bedside
- Financial incentives for inventors and for UAB
- Apply for additional funding
 - HIIE's Blazer Bridge Fund

Disclose Inventions

Disclosure starts the commercialization process and allows our team to assess an invention's commercial potential, provide feedback on market trends, and make a decision on IP protection.

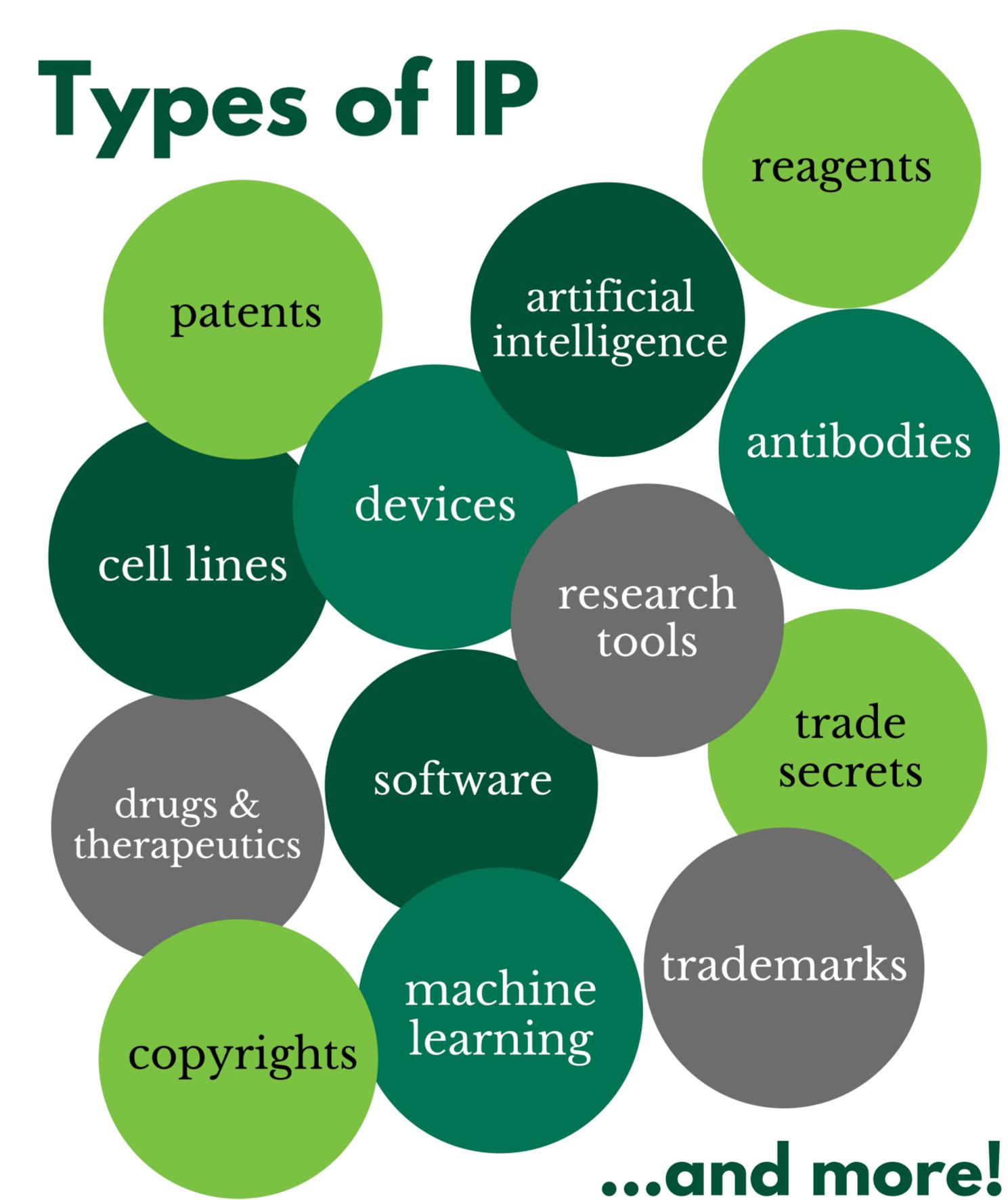


Blazer Bridge Fund

The Blazer Bridge Fund (BBF) is an early-stage translational fund supporting the development of novel IP to attract licensee interest and/or position the tech for IP protection. The BBF typically funds 5-6 projects per round at up to \$50,000 per project.



Types of IP



Notable Numbers (FY2023)

123

Intellectual Property Disclosures

\$6.12M

Revenue Generated

18

U.S. Patents Issued

40

Licenses Executed

684

Inventors Engaged

3

Start-ups Launched

53

Commercialization Reports

45

Marketing Campaigns

Commercialization Workflow

1 Research

Decision on IP Protection 6

2 Discovery

Tech Management 7

3 Disclosure

Marketing or Start-Up Formation 8

4 Assignment to Licensing Associate

License 9

5 Commercialization Analysis

Revenue 10

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRAD STUDENTS & POSTDOCS

Innovate Fellows Program

Innovate Fellows are graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who help the HIIE team manage the newest inventions on campus while also exploring careers within technology transfer. Fellows are tasked with performing market, prior art, and patent analyses to assess the commercial potential of new inventions. Their research also identifies competition and potential industry partners.

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Current Innovate Fellows



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