

Institution	Universal Higher Education (UHE)
Policy name	Intellectual Property for Assessed Student Work Policy
Policy Governance	Academic Board

1. Introduction

UHE students undertake various types of assessment as part of their course. Some assessments require students to develop work that may have commercial value. UHE recognises that students may be engaged in assessed work that results in the development of an innovative service or product. This policy applies to all students of UHE. This policy sets out the approach taken by UHE in relation to student assignment of intellectual property (IP).

2. Definitions

In this Policy, the following definitions are used.

Commercialisation means to use, apply, publish, manufacture, assign, licence, sub-licence, franchise, exploit, market, or otherwise use or dispose of the IP for the purpose of generating financial or other commercial returns.

Commercialisation Expectation means where UHE has an expectation that it will manage commercialisation of the IP. UHE will not have an expectation to commercialise IP that is solely developed by a student and is not subject to a contract with an external organisation.

Creators means those persons who produce, invent, design, enhance, generate, discover, make, originate or otherwise bring into existence IP.

IP means intellectual property, which includes rights (including rights of registration or application for registration) relating to:

- literary, artistic, musical, and scientific works.
- computer programs and algorithms.
- multimedia subject matter.
- performances of performing artists, phonograms, and broadcasts.
- inventions in all fields of human endeavour.
- scientific discoveries.
- industrial designs.
- trade secrets and confidential information; and
- trademarks, service marks and commercial names and designations.

UHE recognises that the purpose of the scholastic activities of students is to gain the award of a degree. Students may be involved in the development of IP.

3. Ownership of Intellectual Property Developed by Students

UHE recognises that students, not being employees of UHE, personally own IP that they generate. UHE also recognises that students may sometimes participate in projects:

- students may work with other students in the preparation and production of an assessment task. The IP created collaboratively will be jointly owned between UHE and the relevant students.

- students may undertake undergraduate industry placements. There may be a requirement for prior assignment of any IP created to the company hosting or sponsoring the placement.

UHE will ask students participating in a project to assign any IP they generate in the course of the project to UHE. In cases where the project involves pre-existing IP owned or licensed to UHE, UHE may also ask the student to assign any IP they generate in the course of the project to UHE.

4. Recognition of External Intellectual Property in Assessable Student Works

UHE requires that all student films, videos and online content produced as assessable work clearly acknowledge by credit and licensing agreement if appropriate the contribution of non-student generated IP in their work including use of:

- photographs,
- music samples
- logos
- news materials.

Where a student's assessable work is intended for external exhibition by any means including internet, film festivals, television, video streaming services, and cinema, students will ensure that license agreements exist for the use of any copyrighted IP used in the work. The student must own all IP in all elements or have written license agreements allowing the use of any third-party owned content used in any assessable work intended for exhibition.