

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

As an educational institution, Coastal Carolina Community College fosters and facilitates creative thinking and innovation. Many students have the opportunity to develop original ideas that can benefit the public and private sector. This policy is intended to encourage innovation and to clarify the students' and the college's rights to intellectual property.

"Intellectual Property" includes all inventions, improvements, copyright-eligible works, and tangible research materials produced by students of Coastal Carolina Community College.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

1. The student owns intellectual property when it has been created independently of class assignments with the college and without use of the college's resources.
2. Coastal Carolina Community College and the student shall share ownership of intellectual property when it has been created by the student within the scope of the student's class assignments with the college or with the use of the college's resources. If and when the student leaves the college, it will be understood that the college and the student will have shared ownership of the intellectual property. If a student wants sole ownership upon leaving the college, it must be in a written agreement generated by the student and signed by the student and the appropriate vice president and approved by the executive vice president.
3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2 above, a student or the college may obtain or receive an express agreement between Coastal Carolina Community College and the student varying the ownership right to intellectual property. Such an agreement must be in writing and signed by the student and the appropriate vice president and approved by the executive vice president.
4. When a student disagrees with the college's claimed ownership or use of intellectual property, he/she can submit a written complaint to the president within thirty (30) working days. The student should include a detailed description of the factual basis for the complaint and a statement of the actions requested. The president will review the complaint and render a decision within ten (10) working days. The president's decision is final.
5. All revenue derived by the college from the creation and production of intellectual property, shall be used for educational or research purposes that directly support the college's mission.