

Inventions, Patents and Commercialization for UA Student Researchers

UA labs are and have been home to impactful, life- and society-changing research. In these environments, UA students often work closely with UA faculty on sponsored and lab-funded research, some of which can lead to inventions. Tech Launch Arizona (TLA) is dedicated to identifying, assessing, protecting and commercializing these important inventions, all with the goal of getting them out into the world where they can create impact.

Learn About Your Professional Responsibilities & Opportunities

UA student researchers who have (or may have) roles in UA-derived inventions are encouraged to participate in TLA's Commercialization Workshop Series, offered each fall and spring. This is not just important information for you as researchers - it is useful in helping you understand issues in intellectual property that you will carry forward throughout your careers.

Get Connected

Aside from workshops and seminars, we offer a number of ways to put our resources to work for you:

- Contact a college-specific Technology Licensing Manager (LM) for general information or to discuss a specific technology. LMs are experts in the protection and commercialization of your inventions.
 - Biomedical & Life Sciences: Rakhi Gibbons (RakhiG@TLA.arizona.edu)
 - Physical Sciences: John Geikler (JohnG@TLA.arizona.edu)
 - College of Optical Sciences & Engineering: Amy Phillips (AmyP@TLA.arizona.edu)
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- Contact Student Outreach Coordinator Stephanie Zawada (StephanieZ@TLA.arizona.edu) to discuss your unique networking needs, as well as learning opportunities around issues in inventions, entrepreneurship and startups
- Request a workshop module or one of our engaging TLA experts for your student or lab group meeting to gain hands-on knowledge of the commercialization process
- Subscribe to TLA's monthly newsletter
- Suggest a technology story idea for TLA publications
- Network with leaders in Arizona's start-up community

Generate Impact

Tech Launch Arizona creates social and economic impact through bringing the inventions of the UA from the lab to the world. We do that through providing services to the UA community around idea assessment, technology transfer and startup development. We promote the commercialization of UA-generated technologies while collaborating with business and technology professionals from Southern Arizona and beyond.

Our ultimate goal is to create a thriving community of UA-educated inventors via outreach initiatives to undergraduate, graduate, and professional students.

Learn More

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