



Canadian
Frailty
Network

Réseau canadien
des soins aux
personnes fragilisées

CORPORATE POLICY:

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CFN's policy on intellectual property (IP) is focused on promoting and facilitating the wide use and dissemination of knowledge, and where appropriate the commercialization of IP created as a result of CFN funding. CFN's investments in research and creation of IP are focussed on developing evidence to improve the lives of frail elderly Canadians, their families and caregivers. Our knowledge mobilization efforts are designed to rapidly disseminate and promote uptake and implementation of innovations arising from research to improve the function and efficiency of the healthcare system and thus improve the quality of care and provide economic benefits to Canadians.

CFN's IP policy is closely aligned with NCE's Network Agreement signed by all CFN Network members. Our policy aims to generate social and economic benefits by ensuring the rapid flow of ideas and discoveries to Canadian for-profit and not-for-profit organizations as appropriate.

CFN's IP Principles are:

- a. CFN will encourage, and never act as a barrier to the creation and public dissemination of IP.
- b. CFN will protect and promote academic freedom for the dissemination of research findings/knowledge/IP for non-commercial and educational purposes.
- c. CFN will not impede a student's right to disseminate knowledge/IP.
- d. CFN will strongly encourage and facilitate the uptake and implementation of knowledge/IP in collaboration with all parties involved such that every reasonable effort is made to have the results of Network research be exploited in Canada for the benefit of Canadians.
- e. CFN will develop collaborations and partnerships to facilitate dissemination of knowledge/IP and will endeavour to ensure that all parties are recognized for their contribution and benefit in a fair manner.
- f. CFN will work with its member institutions to actively identify, facilitate and promote IP created as a result of CFN funding and where appropriate work diligently to support the development and commercialization of such IP.

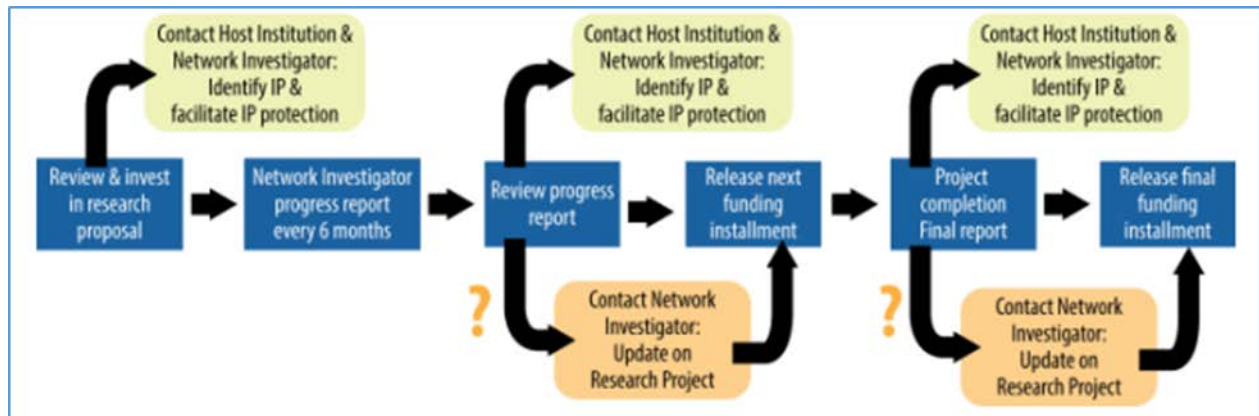
CFN understands that its activities may build upon prior work, which may or may not involve proprietary IP. In all cases prior work will be acknowledged, credited and compensated where appropriate. Through its research adjudication and review process, CFN will proactively identify and manage all IP considerations (see figure below) and when appropriate will utilize the expertise of PARTEQ Innovations, Queen's University's technology transfer organization.

Ownership will reside with the Network researcher and/or researcher's institution (based on institution's policy) and inventorship will be determined according to Canadian law. Where appropriate, CFN's Manager of Research and IP, with the assistance of PARTEQ Innovations if necessary, will work with investigators and their host institution (Industry liaison/technology transfer office) to assist in the timely identification and protection of CFN funded IP (e.g. patent application filing, copyright protection). Where multiple institutions are

involved, a lead technology transfer organization will be selected to manage the process. PARTEQ Innovations may also choose to assist Network members with assessment, protection and commercialization of research discoveries and innovations if requested.

CFN’s Manager of Research and IP will monitor the effectiveness of CFN’s IP policy and will make yearly recommendations to the Scientific and Executive Directors regarding changes to the IP policy if required. CFN reserves the right to modify its IP policy in the future for the best interests of the Network members and stakeholders.

Figure: Schematic shows “life span” of a research project and the points at which IP creation can be identified and protected. On an operational basis potential IP creation is identified early during the funding approval process and funded projects are monitored for IP creation during and at the completion of the project (top yellow boxes).



History

Policy approved by the Board of Directors – January 12, 2017