University of Florida Intellectual Property Policy and Mobile Applications (Mobile Apps)

The development of mobile applications (mobile apps) at the University of Florida and the desire to increase their development have given rise to questions concerning their ownership. It is expected that mobile apps will predominantly consist of copyrighted materials. The following is a summary of the primary elements of the University's intellectual property policies as they relate to copyright in mobile apps. Please refer to the links below for the governing policy statements.

1. For faculty not in the collective bargaining unit: The University will own the copyright to a work of authorship if it is made with the use of University support.
2. For faculty in the collective bargaining unit: The University will own the copyright to a work of authorship if it is instructional material that the University has expressly commissioned or expressly assigned to be produced or, if not instructional material, if it is a work which was made using University support and which does not have the purpose of disseminating the results of academic research, scholarly study or artistic expression.
3. For all University volunteers, individuals who are paid by or through the University or otherwise working under the auspices of the University (including all University employees and appointees other than faculty): The University will own the copyright to the work if it is made with the use of University support.
4. For students who are not University of Florida employees, volunteers, or paid by or through the University or otherwise working under the auspices of the University: These students will own the copyright to the work.

If any part of the mobile app represents an invention rather than a copyrighted work, then the provisions concerning inventions in the intellectual property policies apply.

The University’s Intellectual Property policies can be found in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, Article 25 [http://www.hr.ufl.edu/labor-relationshs/union.asp](http://www.hr.ufl.edu/labor-relationshs/union.asp) and/or the University of Florida Intellectual Property Policy [http://www.research.ufl.edu/otl/pdf/ipp.pf](http://www.research.ufl.edu/otl/pdf/ipp.pf).