Technology Transfer is housed within the Office of Research Administration (ORA) at UMSL. Technology Transfer staff work with UMSL faculty, staff and industry to facilitate the transfer of discoveries and inventions from the University to the private sector where they can be further developed for public use and benefit.

**Principal Functions of the Technology Transfer Office at UMSL:**

- Educate faculty on intellectual property and technology transfer while encouraging invention disclosure from faculty.
- Review invention disclosures for patentability, freedom to operate and marketability.
- Maintain federal and grant compliance regarding intellectual property.
- Filing of provisional and non-provisional patent applications.
- Facilitate commercialization of technologies and collaborations with outside organizations via non-disclosure, material transfer, inter-institutional, collaboration, sponsored research and fee-for-service agreements.
• Work with the ORA’s sponsored programs administration staff to review and approve intellectual property language in grants and contracts.
• Actively market and promote technologies to commercial entities.
• Negotiate, draft and maintain license agreements.
• Maintain technology transfer tracking database regarding all UMSL invention disclosures, patent applications and patents, and IP-related agreements,
• Help faculty identify collaborators for grant submission and development of their technologies.
• Provide guidance to faculty regarding establishing a startup company and helping faculty entrepreneurs connect with potential investors.
• Provide assistance in marketing UMSL’s biotechnology and IT incubator, ITE.
• Administer the UMSL chapter of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI).

Overview
As of October 2011, UMSL has 56 active invention disclosure cases categorized as follows:
• Licensed: 23 (41%)
• In License Negotiations: 1 (2%)
• Optioned: 1 (2%)
• Actively Marketing: 17 (30%)
• On Hold for Further Research: 5 (9%)
• Won’t Pursue, In Process of Waiving or Moving to Inactive: 2 (4%)
• Other Stages of Due Diligence: 7 (12%)

FY2011 Activity
Technology transfer activities for FY2011 totaled 9 invention disclosures submitted; 4 provisional and 3 non-provisional U.S. patent applications filed; 6 U.S. patents issued; 10 technologies licensed/optioned; 1 startup company based on UMSL technology established; and $141,112 in licensing income received by the University.