# Invention Disclosure Form

## For Invent DCU use only

*Title of intellectual property:*

*Project identification number:*

*Date Received:*   /  /

**INVENTION NAME:**

**INVENTION DETAILS**

* 1. A short paragraph explaining in layman’s language what the invention is

* 1. A technical description of the invention

* 1. Problem(s) addressed by the invention

* 1. Existing solutions to the problem(s) that you are aware of and consider to be closest to the new invention)

* 1. Key aspects of the invention which make it novel and demonstrate its advantages over the existing solutions*. (This should include why the invention is innovative and not obvious to others, or similar to existing solutions):*

* 1. Potential commercial application (*products, processes, services, or research tools*) based on the invention)

* 1. Companies you think might be interested in using, developing or marketing this invention

**PRIOR ART**

* 1. Please list relevant references from the scientific literature

* 1. Please list the results of any patent search you have conducted (google.com/patents)

* 1. Has any public disclosure of the invention occurred already, without the protection of a Non-Disclosure Agreement? *(Disclosure can be oral (meeting, presentations) or written (abstracts, journal articles, etc) Yes/No*

If Yes, please provide details.

Is any disclosure pending? Yes/No

 If Yes, please provide details.

1. **FUNDING AND CONTRACTS**
	1. Please list all sources of funding which were used in support of the research which contributed to the generation of the invention.

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| **Source of Funding** | **Title of Project** | **Agency Code** |
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* 1. Is the invention linked to any of the following whether past, present or currently under negotiation?:
1. material transfer agreement(s) Yes [ ]  No [ ]
2. license agreement(s) Yes [ ]  No [ ]
3. personal consultancy(s) Yes [ ]  No [ ]
4. provision of equipment Yes [ ]  No [ ]
5. open-source software license Yes [ ]  No [ ]

If Yes to any of the above, please provide details (use separate sheet if necessary)

1. **INVENTORS DETAILS**
	1. Please list all individuals whom you consider to have made a conceptual and inventive contribution to the generation of the invention.

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| **Name + Home Address** | **Institution** | **Position** (e.g. staff or student) | **Nationality** | **Contribution** **(%)** |
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**Note:** Unlike authorship of a scientific publication, inventorship is a matter of law and a patent that fails to name the correct inventors either because those listed are not true inventors or true inventors were excluded, may be ruled invalid.

Actual entitlement to inventorship can only be correctly assigned when prosecution of a patent application is fully complete, as it is the content of the final claims that are granted which establishes entitlement and this can be different from the original claims in the initial application. Hence, in certain circumstances, it may be necessary to amend the listing of inventors at a later date at the patent office.

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I/we declare that to the best of my/our knowledge that the information provided in this form is correct and complete and I/we agree to assign the intellectual property to DCU in accordance with DCUs Policies.

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