

With this Invention Disclosure Form, the University of Kent aims to gather the information required for the assessment of invention(s) with respect to their patentability (in terms of novelty, innovative step and applicability) and commercial value.

Information for inventors:

1. **All Information disclosed will be treated in the strictest confidence**
2. Inventors are kindly asked to fill in this form as soon as an invention has been conceptualised and experimental data supporting it have been obtained.
3. For informal discussions and inquiries concerning inventions and commercialisation procedures, inventors are encouraged to contact [Kent Innovation & Enterprise](#).
4. **All inventors involved** must sign the Invention Disclosure Form.
5. Inventors are kindly asked to designate their main contact person responsible for correspondence with Kent Innovation & Enterprise as well as with patent attorneys, in case of patent filing. The main contact person will be responsible for answering questions related to the invention as well as disseminating information to co-inventors from correspondence from all relevant parties.
6. Definition of inventors according to the US Patent law (US 2137.01 Inventorship, particularly sections II and IV): *"The threshold question in determining inventorship is who conceived the invention. Unless **a person contributes to the conception of the invention**, he is not an inventor. Insofar, as defining an invention is concerned, reduction to practice, per se, is irrelevant. Therefore, one must contribute to the conception to be an inventor. There is no requirement that the inventor be the one to reduce the invention to practice so long as the reduction to practice was done on his/her behalf"*.

External parties involved in this invention

- Are there any inventors outside the University of Kent involved in this invention? If yes, please provide their details in Table A.
Yes No
- Are there any legal agreements with parties outside the University of Kent which are involved in this invention? (e.g. regarding Intellectual Property rights)? If yes, please attach all relevant documentation.
Yes No

Inventors: In Table A, please provide details of all inventors. Please highlight in **bold** the details of the main contact person for this invention.

Table A: Inventors name list and details

Title of invention
Principal inventor's full name, position, affiliation, email, phone number & signature
<p>Home address: Personal email: Phone number: Inventive contribution (background and approximate % of total invention): Signature:</p>
Co-inventor(s) full name(s), position(s), affiliation(s), email(s), phone number(s) & signatures(s) <i>(please, add as many as required)</i>
<p>Home address: Personal email: Phone number: Inventive contribution (background and approximate % of total invention): Signature:</p>
<p>Home address: Personal email: Phone number: Inventive contribution (background and approximate % of total invention): Signature:</p>

Details of the invention

1. Title of the invention
2. Keywords related to the invention
3. Brief introduction to the field of this invention & description of the invention.
4. What is the state of art in relation to this invention?
5. What problems does this invention solve? What are the advantages of this invention compared to prior art?
6. If your invention is a computer programme, please, describe how this programme produces a "technical effect" when it runs on a computer. Please, describe the problem solved by this invention.

7. Description of the industrial application and commercial potential of this invention. Please, provide details of potential end-users.

8. Do you have available experimental data? What is the current development status of this invention? Please, provide summary.

9. Please, indicate current hurdles for commercialisation of this invention. How do you think these obstacles can be overcome?

10. Who has financed this invention, thus far? Please, provide details (e.g. grants, sponsors).

12. Please, provide details (e.g. to whom, where, when, public or confidential) of any written or oral disclosure made in relation to this invention (e.g. discussions with collaborators, suppliers, abstracts, journal publications, conference proceedings, seminars, student project reports, grant applications, scientific conferences, poster sessions, industry meetings)? Has the invention been used, tested or offered to sell?

13. Please, provide details (e.g. journal, presentation, dates, scientific meetings) of any scheduled publication / disclosure in relation to this invention.
14. A patentable discovery is one that is novel, useful and non-obvious. Have you conducted a patent search in any available database (e.g. Espacenet)? If so, please, provide details of keywords used to carry out this search and cite patents that resemble your invention. Please, describe how your invention overcomes the claimed prior art.
15. Have you conducted any literature search related to this invention? If so, please, comment on the literature and patent search you have conducted, thus far (e.g. were they extensive?).
16. Please, provide details of organisations / enterprises / individuals who have provided any material, software or equipment related to this invention. Please, attach relevant legal documents where appropriate.
17. Please, provide details and attach all relevant legal agreements related to this invention (e.g. Material Transfer agreements, Sponsored Research agreements, Inter-Institutional agreements, general contract agreements).

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Declaration of Inventors

I agree to do everything reasonably required in order to assist Knowledge Exchange and Innovation (KEI), at the University of Kent, evaluate the invention described in this Disclosure Form, regarding its commercial potential and patentability. I specifically agree that I will, during and after my employment, without charge to KEI, and at its specific request, execute such documents as may be necessary or appropriate or required. Furthermore, I agree to support KEI in every way, in order to obtain and to vest title to patents arising out of this invention. All statements made herein are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to assign all rights, title and interest in this invention to the University of Kent with due acknowledgement of the [Intellectual Property Policy](#) of the University and the reward structure to the inventors.

Name	School / Department	Date	Signature

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IP patent attorney (firm)			

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