

Intellectual Property and Licensing Guidelines for the Platforms for Advanced Wireless Research (PAWR)

1. A single Intellectual Property (IP) Policy will apply to all platforms and their use. The policy shall be stated in each platform award terms and conditions.
2. Research to be conducted on the platforms will be classified into four tranches:
 - a. Research sponsored in whole or in part by NSF;
 - b. Research sponsored by the entire Industry Consortium that is not in tranche (a);
 - c. Research sponsored by individual member companies of the Industry Consortium, that is not in tranche (a) or (b); and
 - d. All other research.
3. Rights to inventions made during research in tranche (a) shall be governed by standard NSF policy (pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act), as described in the current *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide*, [Chapter XI.D.](#)¹, with the following additional condition: Each member of the Industry Consortium, the PPO, and NSF shall be granted a royalty-free, non-exclusive, non-sub-licensable license for non-commercial use of the invention.
4. Publication of results from research in tranche (a) shall be governed by standard NSF policy as specified in the current *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* [Chapter XI.E.](#), without additional restrictions.

¹ Institutions receiving NSF funding for research covered by this policy are reminded that, in view of the US Supreme Court decision in *Stanford v. Roche*, employee assignment agreements should include a present conveyance of rights (“I hereby assign” rather than a promise or intent to assign) in order to effectively convey patent rights to the institution, allowing the institution to meet its responsibility under the Bayh-Dole Act to provide the agency with a license to patented inventions.