



NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

SEC. V-SPONSORED RESEARCH

USE OF UNIVERSITY RESOURCES IN ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The policy emphasizes that university resources must not be used without prior approval by designated officials.

II. SCOPE OF POLICY

For the purpose of this policy, “entrepreneurial activities” are activities performed by university faculty, staff or students as part of university duties and contribute to the university’s economic development, technology transfer or other public service goals. Examples include early stage activities associated with forming a nonprofit organization, a startup company in which the university expects to acquire an equity position through the licensing of university intellectual property, providing testing or certification services, or licensing agreement of university intellectual property with an established company.

III. REQUIREMENTS

Use of university resources is not permitted when activities are undertaken purely for personal gain.

Use of university facilities in support of approved entrepreneurial activities may be allowed provided these activities do not conflict with the primary purpose of the facilities. In such cases, limited use of university resources may be permitted provided the specific details of the intended facilities and the timing of the intended usage are stated in the approved Facility Use Agreement.

The Facility Use Agreement must be approved by a faculty member's department chair and dean; a staff member's immediate supervisor and SAAO Tier 1 manager; and a student's advisor, department chair and dean.

Other current university policies (e.g., intellectual property policy, conflict of interest and commitment policy, and others) remain in place and are thus applicable to certain aspects of entrepreneurial activity.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Detailed procedure is set out in "Facility Use Agreement."

Approved by the Chancellor

Date policy is effective: Upon approval

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