

**The Marine Biological Laboratory
Patent Agreement and Assignment**

The MBL Intellectual Property Policy states in part:

2.0 If an Invention or discovery is conceived or reduced to practice by an MBL Principal Investigator, an MBL employee, or anyone working under an MBL-administered sponsored research agreement, that person must disclose the Invention or discovery to the MBL as prescribed by this policy and MBL owns such Invention or discovery in accordance with Section 5.

5.0 Any Invention which is conceived, discovered, or reduced to practice by the Inventor during his term of association with the MBL or within six (6) months after said association ends shall be presumed to have been conceived as a result of the Inventor's use of MBL facilities, funds, or other support. In the absence of sufficient evidence to the contrary, any such Invention is the property of the MBL.

Agreement

As a condition of my employment or other involvement in research or other activities at The Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) or research or other activities carried out with substantial aid of MBL facilities or funds administered by it (collectively, "MBL research"), I hereby acknowledge my acceptance of the MBL Intellectual Property Policy (the "Policy"), and I agree to assign and do hereby assign to the MBL all of my ownership, right, title, and interest in any Invention (as defined in the Policy) or discovery that I have conceived or reduced to practice, or that I conceive or reduce to practice in the future, including without limitation any patent and other intellectual property rights therein, whether I acquired those rights before signing this Agreement or acquire them in the future. I further agree to fulfill my obligations of disclosure and cooperation in the patenting and commercial development of any such Invention or discovery. Cooperation with patenting and commercial development efforts includes execution of formal papers such as, for example, subsequent assignments. I agree that my obligations under this Agreement will extend to any periods of my employment or formal association with, or involvement in research or other activities at the MBL, notwithstanding any gaps in such employment or formal association, without need for me to sign a new copy of this Agreement.

I will promptly inform the MBL Director or his designee if I become aware of any consulting contracts or other contractual obligations to which I am a party or into which I intend to enter with any third party, organization, or corporation that contain provisions regarding rights in discoveries or inventions that are in conflict with this Agreement or the MBL Intellectual Property Policy, and will not knowingly enter into such agreements in the future without obtaining the written consent from the MBL Director or his designee.

I hereby waive any objection to MBL's use of an electronic version of this Agreement (including my electronic signature hereon) as a substitute for the original for any legally recognized purpose.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Department: _____

Date: _____