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2. PUBLICATION POLICY

1. GENERAL PUBLICATION POLICY

- 1.1 It is the policy of the University that, subject to the performance of his/her prescribed academic responsibilities, to legislative restraints, and the specific University policies, a faculty member is free in the pursuit of research and in the publication of results.
- 1.2 The University expects faculty members to publish the results of their research.

2. PUBLICATION POLICY FOR SPONSORED RESEARCH

2.1 General Policy

- a) Because the dissemination of knowledge is a primary function of the University of Guelph, all sponsored research grants and contracts administered by the University of Guelph will be of such a nature that the results obtained may be freely published.
- b) The University prohibits secret research.
- c) For the purpose of this document, publication is defined as placing information in the public domain in a reproducible form.
- d) When a sponsor provides information essential to the research which, at the time it is provided, is labelled "Confidential Information", the University will observe such confidentiality, provided the results of the research may be published in a form that does not disclose the confidential information.
- e) Policy relating to copyright and patents is set out in the Copyright Policy and the Inventions Policy and Procedures.
- f) Policy relating to the protection of the anonymity of human subjects is set out in the Policy on Ethics for the Utilization of Human Subjects in University Academic Programs.
- g) Acknowledgement of financial support by the sponsor will be made in all publications unless the sponsor requests no acknowledgement.

2.2 Deferment of Publication

- a) Sponsors of research grants or contracts may request deferment of publication of the results obtained beyond the date of submission of the final report of the researcher.

Deferment of publication may arise from a request by an official agency to await the publication of a government report. Industrial sponsors may request that publication be temporarily deferred to protect commercial or industrial rights arising out of the research.

- b) Deferment of publication may be granted if:

- i) the deferment period is compatible with the estimated date of successful defence of the thesis when the research constitutes part of the academic studies of the graduate student;
- ii) deferment does not exceed a period of more than twelve months from the date of submission of the final report to the sponsor.
- c) In special circumstances, the Vice-President Research may grant a request to defer publication for a period longer than twelve months from the date of submission of the final report to the sponsor but in no circumstances shall such deferment exceed twenty-four months.

2.3 Use of Name of the University in Publications Arising from Sponsored Research

- a) A sponsor may publish a final report of a researcher and include the name of the University and the researcher, provided that there are no changes made in the report. If changes in the final report are made by the sponsor before publication, the name of the University and the researcher shall not be used in connection with the publication without the written consent of the University and the researcher.