CCTEC’s Technology Transfer Process

**Cornell research, scholarship, or other activity** yields a novel discovery, tangible object, article, or idea.

**Inventor submits an Enabling Invention Disclosure form** to CCTEC describing the invention with proper sponsor information.

**TCLO** conducts initial review to:
- determine additional information needs
- determine protectability of invention
- perform market and landscape research
- assess marketability and commercial potential

**TCLO formulates a strategy for marketing and licensing the invention** (statutory protection may be pursued if necessary for commercial success).

**TCLO makes recommendations for marketing, licensing, and protection strategies** to the vice provost for technology transfer and economic development for approval and modifications.

**Marketing of Invention**
- potential licensees are identified
- TCLO negotiates license agreement
- university executes agreement with one or more licensees

**Licensee**
- develops invention
- commercializes products
- pays license fee according to license agreement

**CCTEC distributes net revenue** in accordance with inventions and related property rights policy

**License agreement terminates** in accordance with its terms, typically no later than expiration date of patent or other legal protection

**Documentation for patent application** is created, filled, and managed in prosecution of the application

**Patent or other protection is issued**

**Maintenance fees due for patents** TCLO reevaluates decision to maintain patent—U.S. patents at 3 1/2, 7 1/2, and 11 1/2 years from date of issue, and foreign patents annually

**U.S. patent expires** 20 years after effective filing date

Invention rights offered to inventor if CCTEC decides not to pursue any commercialization. CCTEC closes docket. If inventor refuses invention rights, invention is put in the public domain for public free use.

TCLO and inventor work together to add further detail as necessary.

*TCLO: technology, commercialization, and licensing officer*