Innovation Disclosure Statement

The Innovation Disclosure Statement (IDS) is the starting point for recognising and evaluating intellectual property (IP) developed at the University of Huddersfield. It provides a structured way for researchers to describe a new idea, design, or discovery – and to outline its potential value and intended direction.

Completing an IDS helps RIKE understand the innovation, assess its commercial potential, and begin discussions around protection, development, and impact. It should be submitted when something novel and potentially useful has emerged from your research, regardless of discipline.

**The details of the IDS are treated as confidential.**

When completed and signed, please return to s.clarke3@hud.ac.uk

**Working Title for the Innovation:** (keep it simple)

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**Date the Innovation was first devised.**

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**Who has been involved?** (details of each contributor)

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| **Name** | **School** | **Email** | **State inventive or non-inventive (technical)** |
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**Describe the Innovation** Please explain what your idea or innovation does, how it works, and what makes it distinctive. Use clear, non-technical language where possible – imagine you're describing it to someone outside your field. You can include diagrams, sketches, or supporting materials if helpful.

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**Comparable Products or Processes**

Please describe any existing products, services, or processes that are similar to your innovation. What is currently available, and how does your idea differ or improve upon these? This helps us understand the context and potential advantages of your innovation.

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**Current Solutions**

How is the need or problem your innovation addresses currently being met? Please describe existing methods, products, or practices – and highlight any limitations or gaps they may have. This helps us understand the value your idea could bring.

(Please highlight any relevant patents, publications, google search data/links and key companies who make current product/process)

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**What problems, limitations or barriers to use have you identified with the current solution/product/processes available?**

(cost, inefficiency, cannot be used in certain environments, etc?)

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**How does your Innovation overcome the problems described above?** (describe advantages / benefits)

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**At what development stage do you believe your Innovation is?** (please indicate (X) your TRL)

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| TRL 0 | Idea. Unproven concept, no testing has been performed. |  |
| TRL 1 | Basic research. Principles postulated and observed but no experimental proof available. |  |
| TRL 2 | Technology formulation. Concept and application have been formulated. |  |
| TRL 3 | Applied research. First laboratory test completed; proof of concept. |  |
| TRL 4 | Small scale prototype built in a laboratory environment (“ugly” prototype). |  |
| TRL 5 | Large scale prototype tested in intended environment. |  |
| TRL 6 | Prototype system tested in intended environment close to expected performance. |  |
| TRL7 | Demonstration system operating in operational environment at pre-commercial scale. |  |
| TRL 8 | First of a kind commercial system. Industry issues solved. |  |
| TRL 9 | Full commercial application, technology available for customers, B2B, B2C, B2G |  |

**Provide a list of keywords used/can be used for any keyword search.**

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**Existing funding.** Please provide details of all funding received to-date from *any* source which has contributed to the development. Give details of grant and any arising commitments or collaboration agreements, NDAs, MTAs.

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**Define the scope of the Innovation.** i.e. do you believe it is a [potential] platform technology with wide application(s) or more accurately described as an improvement with a narrower scope. Is it disruptive? Revolutionary or Evolutionary?

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**The opportunity**. What is the commercial potential/applications for this Innovation?Provide details of any companies/organisations you are aware of working in the field? Do you have any contacts, have you spoken to anyone in the industry? Are there any barriers to market entry, such as regulation? Any third party IP involved, or permissions required?

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**Your vision.** Where would you like to see your Innovation in 5 years?

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**Principal Inventor acknowledgement**

Please acknowledge that you agree with this statement and the University of Huddersfield IP Policy (available online), and that all information provided in this IDS is complete and accurate.

You understand that further execution of documents for patenting and/or assignment may be necessary to enable further development towards exploitation. I/we reserve the right to publish or exhibit the work. However, during the disclosure, assessment process the TTO will be consulted prior to any action.

You agree to take all reasonable precautions to protect the integrity and confidentiality of the Innovation.

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**Signed by Line Manager/Head of School**

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**Date received/acknowledged by TTO**

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**Details of contribution**

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