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Research at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel is conducted with a strong motivation to positively impact society and to enable technological innovation. This often leads to the **valorization of research results**. Valorization can be done through partnerships with industry and/or society, different kinds of research collaborations, licensing, the creation of spin-off companies and consulting services.

Innovation, sustainable solutions and efficient knowledge exchange demand a pro-active and savvy attitude towards publication, intellectual property protection and entrepreneurship. As the world of knowledge, innovation and technology transfer covers a vast and dense area of technical, legal and economic discourse, rules, regulations and collaboration formats, you will be needing some guidance on your research itinerary.

The **Technology Transfer Interface (TTI)** of the VUB supports you during the process leading from scientific discovery and exploration of new knowledge up to invention and development.

TTI is a **multidisciplinary team of experts** in knowledge and technology transfer, business development, contract negotiation, funding resources, legal and intellectual property aspects, event organization, marketing and communication. They work together to offer a **one-stop-shop** that facilitates collaboration between the VUB, society and industry. TTI also ensures that revenues are reinvested in an ecosystem of excellent researchers, open innovation and industrial collaboration.



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Where do I start?

Use your VUB login to consult the '**for researchers**' section at vubtechtransfer.be for more info on:

- The knowledge transfer process with timeline of a 'typical' research/technology transfer project
- Types of research funding
- Protecting your intellectual property (IP): do's and don'ts and alternatives
- Guidelines on publishing
- Scientific collaboration and contract research
- Entrepreneurship issues
- Important documents and regulations
- ...

Download '**Knowledge, innovation and technology transfer issues - Finding your way through the Jungle**', a practical guide to consult at crucial moments during your research project.

Before you take off Order your lab notebook

Your laboratory notebook helps you to keep a complete and chronological track record of your experiments. Correct record keeping is essential to prove what inventions were made by whom and when.

Contact tania.bauwens@vub.ac.be for free lab notebooks.

TII ... your one-stop-shop to facilitate collaboration between university, society and industry

Contact the Technology Transfer Interface for assistance in:

- **Finding the right funding for your applied research project and support for:**
 - IWT and Innoviris proposals
 - EU collaborative projects: pre-trajectory, partnering, networking
 - mandates and projects financed by the Industrial Research Fund (IOF)
- **Protecting and publishing your knowledge and managing your IP strategy:**
 - VUB (co-)owns more than 100 patent families
 - licensing of patented technologies
 - creation of spin-off companies
- **Identifying your industrial valorization partner:**
 - match making events and technology days
 - participation in technology networks
 - communication of your technology
- **Negotiating contracts with partners:**
 - legal advice
 - regulations and contract templates
 - screening and signing
- **And more...**

Entrepreneurship

Since 1995 TII organizes the Starter Seminars to create more awareness of entrepreneurship within the academic community and abroad. These seminars provide a short but intensive course on business economics and management. New are a series of Advanced Starter Seminars destined to people with some basic background in economics. Both series are preceded by a Launch Event, open to anyone interested in (technological) entrepreneurship and knowledge transfer.



Invention disclosure

Prior to any form of publication TII can help you evaluate your dossier in order to assess the need for protection. Use the invention disclosure form to report your invention. It enables you to make an analysis of your invention through five important questions:

1. What does your invention do or which problem does it solve?
2. What is the commercial value of it? Who might be interested?
3. Does it need additional R&D to make the invention attractive for economic partners?
4. By which means was the invention realized?
5. Did you publish research results (article, presentation, poster, abstract, prize...)?

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Looking for infrastructure?

VUB spin-off companies can find suitable accommodation and infrastructure at one of the university's **research parks or incubation centers**:

- **In Flanders:**
Zellik Research Park
www.researchparkzellik.be
Innovation and Incubation Centre (IICB)
www.iicb.be
- **In Brussels:**
Brussels Mercator Research Park
www.sdrb.irisnet.be
Incubatiecentrum Arsenaal Brussel (ICAB):
www.icabrussel.be



Interuniversity seed capital fund

The Qbic Fund is a multi-sector fund supporting spin-off companies of the **Ghent, Brussels and Antwerp university associations and VITO**. Their investment approach is based on early in-depth and independent review and analysis followed by hands on involvement and support.

In May 2012 the Qbic Fund held its first close and currently has **over € 30 million** under management. The Qbic Fund is backed by several public and private investors and managed by Qbic Venture Partners.

Qbic Fund invests mainly in the fields of **life sciences, new materials and ICT** and is particularly interested in **multidisciplinary approaches**. Although most of the fund's investments will be early stage, the fund size allows for follow-up investments.

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