

Intellectual Property Agreements

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Material Transfer Agreements

A Material Transfer Agreement (MTA) is a legal contract that establishes the terms and conditions of the transfer of tangible research materials between the owner and the recipient. It protects the rights of both the provider and recipient researchers and their institutions.

UCSD has an online tool for researchers who wish to send or receive materials. The eMTA system walks researchers through the applicable questions and information needed for the internal review and approval process for their request to transfer or receive materials. Access to the system and information about the process can be found at <http://mta.ucsd.edu>. Requests for Agreements for outgoing materials that involve UCSD intellectual property are assigned to a UCSD Technology Transfer Officer. For SIO researchers, incoming MTA's and outgoing MTA's for biological materials with no IP (for example, 3rd party materials or uncharacterized samples) are assigned to an SIO Contract and Grant Officer.

In addition to a material transfer agreement, shipment of some biological items outside of the U.S. may also require an export license. See the Blink website for additional information: <http://blink.ucsd.edu/sponsor/exportcontrol/index.html>