Determining Specialized Resources: Faculty of Science Criteria

Policy 10.95, the University’s Intellectual Property Policy, in describing the “University’s Specialized Resources,” indicates that resources provided to an employee at the start of his or her employment are not specialized resources. Thus, for example, an Evergreen computer is not a specialized resource.

Policy 10.95 clearly identifies specialized instrumentation or equipment purchased with external funding, such as a CFI New Opportunities grant, as being specialized resources. Thus, the Faculty of Science regards instrumentation or equipment purchased with tri-council funds as specialized resources.

Policy 10.95 also states that when the University contributes significantly to research and research related activities, it is entitled to a reasonable share of the benefits. Consequently, the Faculty of Science regards specialized instrumentation or equipment purchased with a funding contribution from the University or from the Faculty of Science as specialized resources. That contribution might take the form of direct funding towards the purchase or it might be a contribution in terms of facilities to house the resources.