

# Technology Transfer Office Models: An Introduction

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This section presents various thought-provoking perspectives on how technology transfer offices are structured to meet differing objectives and environments. As a whole, this series of articles provides perspectives from seasoned technology transfer professionals representing both public and private institutions, as well as large and small offices, and offers insight into the strategic and tactical issues encountered in diverse institutions.

Several common themes emerge from these articles. First, it is clearly articulated in each that a primary role of a technology transfer office is to facilitate interaction between the university and the private sector. It is also clear that all technology transfer offices engage in providing service, generating income, and complying with regulations; however, there are some very distinct differences in how each office approaches these three missions. Finally, the authors illustrated that technology transfer offices tend to evolve over time as objectives and environments change.