

The Technology Transfer Unit for the University of Washington: An Internal Technology Transfer Office at a Public Research University

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The University of Washington is a public research institution founded in 1861. A ten-member board of regents, the members of which are appointed by the governor to serve six-year terms, governs the university.

In the autumn of 2003, the university enrolled 42,757 students at its three campuses in Seattle, Tacoma, and Bothell. The great majority of students, 39,136, are enrolled at its Seattle campus. Of the total student enrollment, 30,921 were undergraduate students and 11,836 were professional and graduate students. Eighty-seven percent of the undergraduates were residents of the state of Washington. The university has 3,360 instructional faculty and 23,462 faculty and staff in seventeen colleges and schools and more than 140 departments. The university has a school of medicine and an applied physics laboratory.

In fiscal year 2003, the university received \$933 million in external sponsored research, and had 5,247 active grants. Of this total, \$195.7 million was from nonfederal sources. Industrial sponsored research for this period was \$29.1 million. UW TechTransfer seeks to enhance the public-service mission of the university by creating partnerships that result in investment in the development of commercial products and services from innovations

made in sponsored research programs, administrative applications, development projects, and teaching programs. These products and services provide a return to the public for its investment in basic research.