

**Lehigh University
Integrated Product Development Program (IPD)
Student Acknowledgement Agreement and Release**

Integrated Product Development (“IPD”) is a collaborative, project-based program (“IPD Program”) that matches a multidisciplinary student team with an industry sponsor (“Sponsor”) to work on a real world project (“Project”).

I, _____ {print name}, am a student participant in an IPD Project with _____ {name of Sponsor}, which is governed by the terms of an IPD Sponsor Agreement. I, intending to be legally bound, represent and agree that:

1. I am at least eighteen (18) years of age;
2. I have read and understand this Acknowledgment Agreement and Release;
3. I am participating in this educational Project voluntarily and with an understanding of my responsibilities as a participant, including that I must comply with the University’s Code of Conduct, all other applicable University policies and rules, as well as all policies, rules and procedures of my Sponsor;
4. I assign to my IPD Project Sponsor all of my right, title and interest in any invention, improvement or discovery arising out of the IPD Project. In addition, I agree to cooperate with the Sponsor and sign all future agreements or documents necessary to evidence my assignment and Sponsor’s ownership rights under this paragraph 4.
5. By virtue of my participation as a student team member in Lehigh University’s IPD Program, I may have access to confidential information¹ about the business and products of my Project Sponsor and the Sponsors of other Projects;
6. Since the IPD Program is an academic program, all students will be required to submit materials or make presentations about their Projects in order to receive academic credit. This means that each student team may be sharing confidential Sponsor information with other students, faculty and staff involved with the IPD Program;
7. I should not be asked to, and I should not sign a Confidentiality, Non-Disclosure or Secrecy Agreement with my Sponsor. However, by signing this Agreement and Release, I am agreeing that I will only share confidential Sponsor information with other members of the IPD Program, including students, faculty and staff, for the academic purposes of the IPD Program;
8. I understand the above statements concerning confidentiality and that willful or unauthorized disclosure of confidential information violates Lehigh University’s policies and could result in disciplinary action including immediate termination of my status as an IPD team member and/or a reduced grade from the IPD Program;
9. I understand that the University does not supervise, monitor, or control the Project working conditions at the Sponsor’s site, nor does the University provide any health or other personal insurance for me when I participate in this Project;
10. Transportation to and from the Sponsor’s site is my responsibility;
11. I am required to inquire about all Sponsors’ rules, procedures, and health and safety regulations;
12. I may not engage in any Projects that involve working with weapons or alcohol;
13. I am not authorized to bring any Sponsor equipment or materials onto Lehigh University property without first consulting with, and obtaining approval from, my IPD Advisor.
14. I hereby release and waive any claims, losses and causes of action against Lehigh University, its trustees, officers, faculty, employees or agents, resulting from my participation in this Project; and
15. The Sponsor’s Company Mentor will be evaluating my performance and agree that my IPD Advisor and the Company Mentor may discuss my performance for purposes of grading and awarding academic credit.

Student’s Signature

Date

Print Student’s Name

IPD Course Leader’s Signature

Date

Copies: Student, IPD Program

¹ “Confidential Information” shall mean only information of Sponsor that is marked or identified as “CONFIDENTIAL” in writing and in a conspicuous manner at the time it is disclosed to students as well as project work, findings, and results that include any invention, improvement, or discovery that may arise during the project.