

Under DTU's fast-track terms, partners have the right to acquire DTU's share of a joint invention at a known price.

If DTU chooses to offer fast-track terms, the terms ensure that the company has the right to acquire DTU's share of a joint invention within a defined field and at a fixed price.

Fast-track terms ensure that the company:

- knows in advance the price of DTU's share of the joint invention arising from their collaboration.
- has the right to have DTU's share of the joint invention transferred as soon as possible.
- assumes responsibility for patenting the invention.

Fast-track terms can be used in connection with the co-financing of a research project by a company and DTU.

What does DTU's share cover?

DTU can sell the shares of a joint invention belonging to researchers, PhD students, and supervisors who are employed at DTU. In PhD projects where the student is employed by the company or under the industrial PhD scheme, only the DTU supervisor's share of the joint invention is sold.

See answers to some of the most frequently asked questions and find agreements with fast-track terms here:



How much does it cost to buy DTU's share of a joint invention?

There are two options:

1. A lump sum of EUR 10,000 + royalties of 1% of net sales.
2. A lump sum of EUR 10,000 + EUR 79,900 divided into three instalments:
 - The first instalment is EUR 3,300 at the time of filing a patent application.
 - The second instalment of EUR 10,000 is paid at the time of publication of either the first patent application or the first patent.
 - The third instalment of EUR 66,600 is paid at the time of issue of the first patent.

Options 1 and 2 can also be used in PhD projects where the PhD student is employed at DTU.

Why is the price non-negotiable?

The price is determined in advance to avoid having to spend time negotiating prices. It is based on historically negotiated prices, and is as such deemed to reflect market prices.

What is the alternative to fast-track terms?

If DTU decides not to offer fast-track terms, the price negotiation will be postponed until the invention is ready. In that case, the company will have a preferential right to acquire the invention, and the price will be negotiated on normal market terms once the invention has been made. This applies to projects with and without PhDs.

For industrial and company PhDs

Options 1 and 2 are not available for projects with industrial and company PhDs. Instead, the company can buy the DTU supervisor's share of a joint invention for a lump sum of EUR 10,000.

The price of exclusively owned inventions must still be negotiated once the invention has been made. The same goes for software.