



Mott Community College
Fabrication Laboratory
Client Information Handling Policy

The **FABLAB** will endeavor to hold confidential any drawings, designs, prototypes, and any other information regarding your project, either by you, by a third party on your behalf or developed by the **FABLAB** or its employees, that is specific to your project (your “secrets”). This means that the **FABLAB** will not intentionally disclose your secrets when working with other clients on their projects, and will endeavor not to disclose your secrets to third parties unless you have previously disclosed them to the public.

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The **FABLAB** also will not pursue patent protection on any confidential information you disclose to us for its own behalf. In the course of interacting with a client, we may be asked to suggest novel solutions, ideas, or improvements to the client’s product. If the client then pursues a patent application which incorporates these improvements, the **FABLAB** employee who provides the novelty is legally considered an inventor for the purpose of the patent application. If such a situation arises, it is our policy to assign any and all patent rights to you, so you would have full ownership of the patent.

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