

INVENTION DISCLOSURE ENTERPRISE APPLICATION

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What to consider as an Approver:

- Is the list of inventors complete and correct?
- Did any inventors indicate that the invention was not part of their UT employment?
- Is it clear to you what invention is being disclosed?

Note: Don't reject an invention for being too early, not commercially relevant, or unpatentable. UTRF's evaluation process includes an assessment of the state of technology development and the market potential.