Importance of Licensing Technology Created While at a University



One of the most critical and important contracts a startup can focus on, and do correctly, is to properly license IP from a university so that it can be commercialized going forward, according to a video prepared by Peter Buckland of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP.

He explains that a common question he hears from entrepreneurs is about how to work with technology that they created at their universities, going forward in a commercial endeavor.

"In most cases, anyone that is in anyway being paid by a university to do research, the university owns that research and for many of the universities we work with in this area, whether it's Stanford or Cal or others, they're all pretty in tune with their mandate, which is to commercialize that technology," he says in the video. And the best way to do that, he adds, is to partner with the people who created that technology.

Watch the video.