

# Starting a WHOI Spinoff

Innovation and entrepreneurship are highly valued and encouraged at WHOI. As an institution of public trust, WHOI is also committed to fulfilling its mission and ensuring openness in research and education. WHOI and inventors will work together to balance outside entrepreneurial activities with conflicts of interest in the start-up context.

- There are several scenarios where WHOI Inventors may wish to be involved with a startup company
- Certain requirements may apply dependent on continued role at WHOI
- All example scenarios below would require an approved Conflict Mitigation Plan (CMP)
- Disclosure of company time/role vs. WHOI time/role when working with colleagues is always required.
- It's important to note that WHOI OTT does not make decisions on COI/COC

**Possible Pathways: Please note that below are examples and other scenarios/pathways may exist**

