

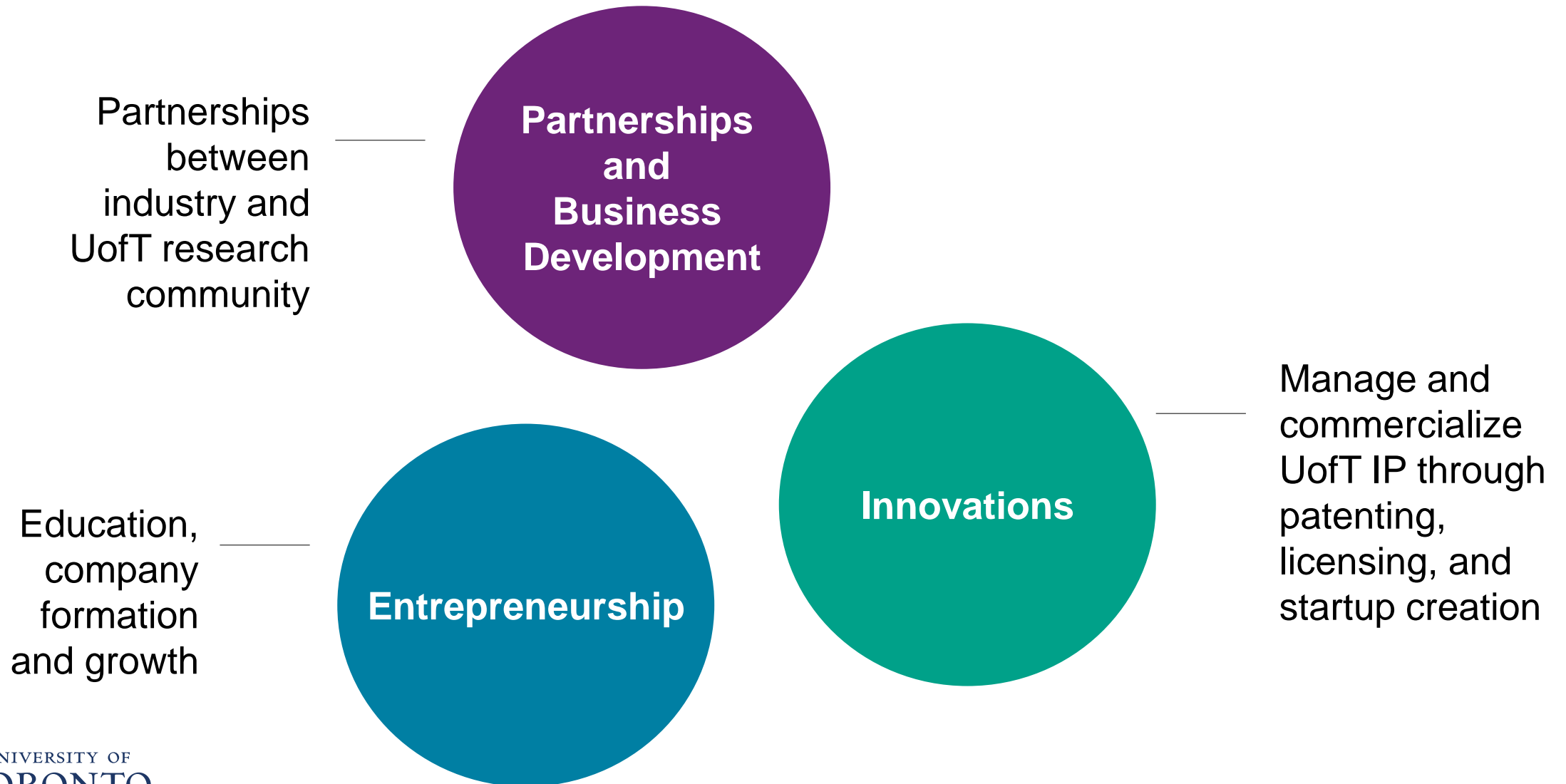
# Access to University IP

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# Innovations and Partnerships Office (IPO)



# UofT Inventions Policy

## Scope

- Inventions made or developed using University resources; funds administered by the University

## Disclosure

- Obligation to disclose

## Ownership

- At creation – co-owned between University and inventor(s)
- Inventor's choice – inventor-owned or University-owned

# Commercializing UofT Research



# Invention Disclosure

## Identifying inventors and contributors

- Principal Investigator (PI), students, post-docs, research staff

## Sponsored research

- Pre-research engagement with industry partner
- Sponsored research agreement

## Inter-institutional collaboration

- UofT researchers cross-appointed, or collaborated with researchers at other institutions
- Inter-institutional agreement

## Public disclosures and confidentiality

# Commercialization

- IP strategy and protection
  - Patents, other forms of IP
- Startup creation
- Optioning/licensing
- Marketing and growth of startup

Role of IPO and inventors

# Launching a Research-Based Startup

