

Table 2. Physical and Life Scientist's Perceptions of Patent Outcomes

OUTCOME	PHYSICAL	LIFE
Protection	limits restraints on communication	protects academic freedom from commercially held patents
	enables commercialization	enables commercialization/ required for drug development
	limits actions of foreign competitors	keeps findings from being 'robbed'
		keeps faculty from being 'skinned' by firms
		keeps faculty from missing 'the golden egg' of a very valuable property
Leverage	enables requests for funds from deans, department chairs	helps convince firms to pay for development research 'beyond the NIH track'
	leads to consulting, sponsored research, and student jobs from industry	enables faculty to locate venture capital funding
	aids in obtaining federal grants by leveraging 'cutting edge' equipment from firms	
Money	getting rich	getting rich
Intangibles	curiosity	serving the public good
	validation of research	fighting disease
	increased prestige	increased prestige
	helps forward 'basic science' thinking	helps forward 'basic science' thinking
Education	helps students get jobs	
	reading/writing patents and negotiating relationships is essential training	