

PTAP Prototype Recipient Guidelines

The items provided to researchers “Recipients” through the Photonics Technology Access Program “PTAP” are pre-commercial Prototypes. They are provided to the Recipient for the purpose of improving the availability of novel photonic prototypes for systems experiments and teaching. As a condition for obtaining this early access, Recipient is required to abide by all of the following terms and conditions. Failure to adhere to these terms and conditions may jeopardize PTAP’s ability to acquire leading edge photonics devices.

For the purposes of these Guidelines, the term “Prototype” includes any material, device, circuit, module, and associated documentation provided to the Recipient by PTAP as a result of Recipient’s completing the PTAP Enrollment Form.

Recipient understands that all Prototypes are at a pre-commercial stage and may not have been fully tested, optimized or characterized. As such, they may have flaws, bugs, limited functionality, or reduced lifetime.

Recipient understands that the manufacturer or provider of the prototype is not obligated to commercialize the Prototype, and the Prototype may not become commercially available in the future.

The Prototype may embody Provider’s proprietary intellectual property. Recipient agrees not to reverse engineer or allow anyone else to reverse engineer Prototypes provided by PTAP.

The Recipient is provided the Prototype strictly for use by students and employees within Recipient’s organization. Recipient agrees not to sell, lease, transfer, exchange for value, or give away the Prototype to any person or entity that is not controlled by Recipient’s research organization.

Recipients are expected to publish the results of their research in the open literature. Recipients are requested however, not to identify the Provider of the Prototype by name or implication without the Provider’s prior written permission. In any event, Recipient shall acknowledge PTAP’s contribution to the research with the following language: “The photonic devices used in this work were provided by the Photonics Technology Access Program which is funded by the National Science Foundation and the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.”

Some Providers of Prototypes enjoy close contact with Recipient researchers; others find it a burdensome drain on their resources. PTAP believes that close contact can be highly

beneficial, but at the same time must respect the Providers' preference. To best accommodate the interests of all parties, Recipient agrees to contact the Provider only through PTAP unless instructed otherwise by PTAP. Should Provider desire close contact with the Recipient, PTAP will notify Recipient of this situation and will provide Recipient with the appropriate point of contact.