To all incoming Fellows at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences,

On behalf of Stanford University, I’m pleased to welcome you to the unique intellectual community at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences.

As Fellows in residence at Stanford University, our policies on intellectual property will apply and you will be asked to sign a Stanford Patent and Copyright Agreement. I wish, first, to assure you that, consistent with academic tradition here and elsewhere, Stanford University does not claim copyright ownership of pedagogical, scholarly or artistic works, regardless of their form of expression. Such works include dissertations, papers and articles written by our faculty, staff, students and Fellows in residence like yourself. Similarly, the University claims no ownership of popular nonfiction, novels, textbooks, poems, musical compositions, or other works of artistic imagination. We encourage your creativity, and do not wish our policies to interfere in any way.

As do most academic institutions, Stanford asks that you use its resources, including its faculty, staff, facilities and equipment, for their intended purposes. Our policies in this regard are aimed at avoiding potential conflicts between the teaching and research missions of the University and any proprietary or commercial interests.

Should you invent something potentially patentable or create software while you are here, you will be expected to disclose it to Stanford, and you will have the services of our Office of Technology Licensing to assist in possible patenting and licensing. Our royalty-sharing policies are comparable to other universities’. We believe our OTL staff, on the other hand, are among the best in US higher education.

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We encourage you to review Stanford’s policies related to intellectual property at http://rph.stanford.edu/CnptS.html.

Best Wishes,

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