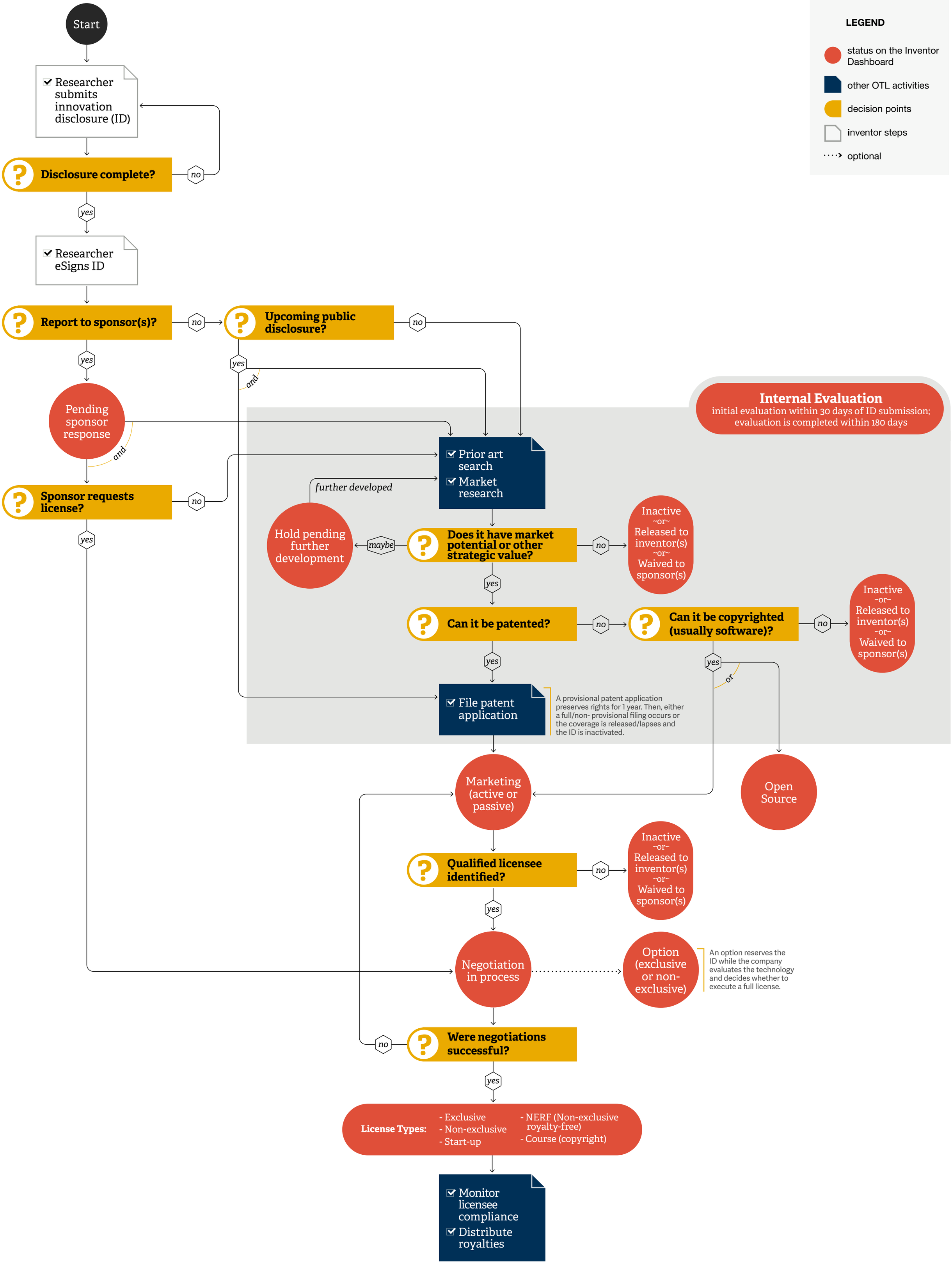
LEGEND
status on the Inventor Dashboard
other OTL activities
decision points
inventor steps
optional
Start
Researcher submits innovation disclosure (ID)
Disclosure complete?
no
yes
Researcher eSigns ID
Report to sponsor(s)?
no
Upcoming public disclosure?
no
yes
yes
and
Pending sponsor response
and
Sponsor requests license?
no
yes
Internal Evaluation
initial evaluation within 30 days of ID submission; evaluation is completed within 180 days
Prior art search
Market research
further developed
Hold pending further development
maybe
Does it have market potential or other strategic value?
no
Inactive ~or~ Released to inventor(s) ~or~ Waived to sponsor(s)
yes
Can it be patented?
no
Can it be copyrighted (usually software)?
no
Inactive ~or~ Released to inventor(s) ~or~ Waived to sponsor(s)
yes
yes
or
File patent application
A provisional patent application preserves rights for 1 year. Then, either a full/non- provisional filing occurs or the coverage is released/lapses and the ID is inactivated.
Marketing (active or passive)
Open Source
Qualified licensee identified?
no
Inactive ~or~ Released to inventor(s) ~or~ Waived to sponsor(s)
yes
Negotiation in process
Option (exclusive or non-exclusive)
An option reserves the ID while the company evaluates the technology and decides whether to execute a full license.
no
Were negotiations successful?
yes
License Types:
- Exclusive
- Non-exclusive
- Start-up
- NERF (Non-exclusive royalty-free)
- Course (copyright)
Monitor licensee compliance
Distribute royalties