



**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CHAPTER of the NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS®**

*Imagination is more important than knowledge, for imagination embraces the world. – Albert Einstein*

In universities across the nation and around the world, great scientists, scholars and educators are teaching the next generation of researchers and inventors.

The **National Academy of Inventors®** (NAI) was founded at the University of South Florida to recognize and encourage inventors who have a patent issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO); enhance the visibility of university technology and academic innovation; encourage the disclosure of intellectual property; educate and mentor innovative students; and translate the inventions of its members to benefit society.

A researcher's contribution reaches the benchmark of inventorship as recognized by the USPTO because its discovery had no significant prior art, was not obvious to someone else skilled in the field, and had a specific use. Although every invention and every inventor is unique, some things are common to all. It takes imagination and ingenuity to be an inventor.

Without inventors we would not have our iPads, smart phones, automobiles or new sources of energy. As a society, we are eager in anticipation of the cure for cancer, HIV, diabetes, and neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease. An inventor feels a sense of pride when the years of hard work come to fruition with either a miraculous discovery in medicine or the next generation of information technology.

Inventors truly should be recognized for their imagination and accomplishments, and called upon to share their special translational talents within the university and the wider community.

Therefore, the University of Houston Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors has been established to recognize the contributions of scientist-inventors across all disciplines in our university community.

**Membership:**

The University of Houston Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors is open to all members of the university community, including faculty, staff, alumni and affiliates, who have received an issued patent from the USPTO. An annual meeting and recognition ceremony will be held during the academic year and a list of members will be published, in order to enhance networking, recognition, and the opportunity to share your experiences.

Membership in the NAI is available through local university chapters or [NAI Fellowship](#). Chapter members are automatically enrolled as members of the NAI, with all rights and privileges thereof. For more information on the National Academy of Inventors, visit [www.academyofinventors.org](http://www.academyofinventors.org).

The NAI publishes the multidisciplinary journal [Technology and Innovation, Journal of the National Academy of Inventors®](#).

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