

**Doc Code: USPTO NATIONAL SUMMER TEACHER INSTITUTE – July, 2015 NSTI002****Document Description: Application for Participation in USPTO National Summer Teacher Institute****APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE USPTO NATIONAL SUMMER TEACHER INSTITUTE (NSTI)**

Applicant Name	School Name	School District or County
Applicant Mailing Address	School Mailing Address	School Website
Phone Number (please indicate work/mobile)	Email Address	Name of approving principal or administrator

**Please answer all questions below and click submit to send via e-mail**

- If selected for participation in the NSTI, I agree to attend all sessions beginning on July ??, 2015 and ending on July ??, 2015 and to make reasonable efforts, where applicable, to incorporate the lessons learned during the Institute in my classroom and school district/county during the 2015-2016 academic year. In addition, I will cooperate in any reasonable efforts to share my experiences and outcomes with other teachers at the Institute and with the Office of Education and Outreach at the USPTO.  Yes  No
- I have been a full-time, licensed teacher in a middle or high school (public or private) in the United States for at least three years.  Yes  No
- I have a strong desire to incorporate “making,” inventing, or innovation into the learning environment as a means for enhancing student interest in STEM learning.  Yes  No
- I have an interest in increasing student knowledge and understanding of the concepts of intellectual property, including creation and protection of intellectual property.  Yes  No
- Please check all STEM or STEM-related\* courses you have taught during the **2014-2015 Academic Year**:  
STEM is defined as any course in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics.
  - Biology  Chemistry  Physics  Computer Science  Botany  Robotics
  - Technology  Engineering  Materials Science
  - Algebra  Geometry  Trigonometry  Calculus  Other Mathematics course
  - Mechanics  Woodworking  Welding/Shop  Rapid Prototyping
  - Graphic Design  Industrial Design  Computer-Aided Design  Design Thinking
  - Invention Concepts  Creative Thinking  Visualization  Intellectual Property
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Please specify)
- Please check all STEM or STEM-related\* courses you will teach during the **2015-2016 Academic Year**:  
STEM is defined as any course in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics.
  - Biology  Chemistry  Physics  Computer Science  Botany  Robotics
  - Technology  Engineering  Materials Science
  - Algebra  Geometry  Trigonometry  Calculus  Other Mathematics course
  - Mechanics  Woodworking  Welding/Shop  Rapid Prototyping
  - Graphic Design  Industrial Design  Computer-Aided Design  Design Thinking
  - Invention Concepts  Creative Thinking  Visualization  Intellectual Property
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Please specify)

\*STEM-related applies broadly to any content area course that involves the use or application of any field of science, technology, engineering or mathematics or any combination thereof.

7. Please check examples of either informal or formal educational programs where you have taught or mentored students in areas related to one or more of the following: Invention, Innovation, Making, or Entrepreneurship.

- Making/Design/Do-It-Yourself (DIY) projects  Invention Competitions  Robotics Programs  
 Science Fair Projects  Scouting  Inventors Club  Entrepreneurship Club  
 Computer Science Club  4-H  Other \_\_\_\_\_ (Please specify)

8. I have a strong desire to improve teaching and learning in either formal or informal environments and especially as it relates to the fields of STEM, innovation, or intellectual property.  Yes  No

9. My school principal or administrator/superintendent has endorsed my application to the USPTO Summer Teacher Institute. Endorsement means my principal or administrator is aware of my application to this program and has agreed to support my efforts to take the lessons learned through participation in this Institute back to the classroom or to my school district. This also includes support by the administrator to allow the teacher to cooperate with any reasonable efforts in sharing learning experiences and outcomes with other teachers at the Institute and with the USPTO.  Yes  No

10. I understand that my principal or administrator may be contacted to verify awareness of my application to participate in this program.  Yes  No

11. I acknowledge that if I am selected to participate in this program the USPTO may contact my principal or school administrator to verify their endorsement.  Yes  No

12. Please share any additional information that may be relevant to your interest in participating in the USPTO National Summer Teacher Institute in July, 2015. (Please limit your response to 250 words or less)

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Name (Print/Typed)	

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