# Participant End of Training Survey Questions

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|  | Thank you for taking a course through the StART program. In an effort to improveour training courses, please complete this short 10-minute survey. Your voluntary response is confidential and data will be analyzed in aggregated form only. For questions regarding the purpose of the survey, contact SETD@uspto.gov. If you encounter any problems with the survey instrument, contact Michael Easdale(michael.easdale@uspto.gov).Thank you in advance for your honest feedback in this important survey.Click 'Next' below to begin.*A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, unless the information collection has a valid OMB Control Number. The OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0651-0080. Public burden for this survey is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 or email**InformationCollection@uspto.gov**.* |
| 1.
 | **When thinking about the course content and presentations for the main topics, please rate the sequence of the lessons in terms of being difficult or easy to follow.**

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|  | Very difficult to follow  | Somewhat difficult to follow | Somewhat easy and logical to follow | Very easy and logical to follow |
| Search Training |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Claim Writing |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Forms and Systems |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Application Filing Process |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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|  | **When thinking about the course content and presentations for the main topics, how relevant were the training materials to your situation?**

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|  | Not at all relevant | Somewhat relevant | Reasonably relevant | Very relevant |
| Search Training |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Claim Writing |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Forms and Systems |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Application Filing Process |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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| 3.  | **Please rate the adequacy of the time devoted to each topic in the group sessions?**

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|  | Too Little | Just Right | Too Much |
| Search Training |[ ] [ ] [ ]
| Claim Writing |[ ] [ ] [ ]
| Forms and Systems |[ ] [ ] [ ]
| Application Filing Process |[ ] [ ] [ ]

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| 4.  | **Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements regarding time spent working one-on-one with a USPTO Trainer. (*Please remember, representatives do not provide legal advice nor official ruling of patentability.)***[ ]  I did not participate in a breakout session

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|  | Disagree Strongly | Disagree Somewhat | Agree Somewhat | Agree Strongly |
| I was provided with enough information to make clear decisions. |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| I received enough practice and feedback that applied to my situation. |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| I had enough time to cover my questions. |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| I am better able to apply the course knowledge and skills based on the time spent with a representative. |[ ] [ ] [ ] [x]

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| 5.  | **Please rate the overall effectiveness of the one-on-one breakout sessions.**[ ]  I did not participate in a breakout session

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| **Breakout Session** | Not at all effective | Somewhat effective | Reasonably effective | Very effective |
| Search Training |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Claim Writing |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Forms and Systems |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
| Application Filing Process |[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

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| 6.  | **How well do you feel you understand the knowledge and concepts taught in the course?**1. I have little understanding, with some confusion and/or blind spots
2. I have a basic familiarity
3. I have a solid understanding
4. I have a comprehensive understanding
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| 7.  | **Please rate your confidence level in using the knowledge and skills gained from this course to successfully submit a non-provisional patent application**1. Not confident at all
2. Somewhat confident
3. Reasonably confident
4. Very confident
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| 8.  | **How soon are you likely to file a non-provisional patent application based on your learning experience and one-on-one session(s)?**1. Immediately after this course
2. In the next 30 days
3. In the next 60 days
4. More than 90 days
5. I don’t plan to proceed with an application submission.
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| 9.  | **Please rate your overall satisfaction with the course**1. Very dissatisfied
2. Dissatisfied
3. Satisfied
4. Very satisfied
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| 10.  | **How likely will you be to recommend this course to someone else?**1. Would not recommend
2. Recommend if substantive changes made
3. Likely to recommend
4. Recommend with no hesitation
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| 11.  | **Which topics would you be most interested in taking an advanced course in regarding UTILITY patent applications?**[ ] PTAB and appeals [ ] After final rejection[ ] 35 USC 101 – Subject Matter Eligibility[ ] Double Patenting and Restriction[ ] 35 USC 102 – Anticipation[ ] 35 USC 103 - Obviousness[ ] Claim Interpretation[ ] 35 USC 112(a) – Written Description[ ] 35 USC 112(b) – Definiteness [ ] 35 USC 112(f) – Means plus function[ ] Overview Training on the Examination Process[ ] Specification requirements[ ] Claim drafting requirements [ ] Drawing requirements [ ] Patent application filing requirements[ ] Interview practice with examiners[ ] Responding to pre-examination notices [ ] Responding to office actions[ ] Understanding application forms [ ] Other (please specify) [add text box] |
| 12. | **Which topics would you be most interested in taking an advanced course in regarding DESIGN patent applications?**[ ] PTAB and appeals [ ] After final rejection[ ] 35 USC 101 – Subject Matter Eligibility[ ] Double Patenting and Restriction[ ] 35 USC 102 – Anticipation[ ] 35 USC 103 - Obviousness[ ] Claim Interpretation[ ] 35 USC 112(a) – Written Description[ ] 35 USC 112(b) – Definiteness [ ] 35 USC 112(f) – Means plus function[ ] Overview Training on the Examination Process[ ] Specification requirements[ ] Drawing requirements [ ] Patent application filing requirements[ ] Interview practice with examiners[ ] Responding to pre-examination notices [ ] Responding to office actions[ ] Understanding application forms [ ] Other (please specify) [add text box] |
|  | **If selected “Recommend if substantive changes made” or “would not recommend” in number 10.****What changes would you recommend to improve the course?**[Text Field] |
|  | **Thank you for taking the StART Course and completing our survey. Your responses will help us to evaluate and, if necessary, improve the course.** **Clicking 'Done' below will submit your answers, close the survey window, and redirect you to the external USPTO website.** **When you are satisfied that your responses are complete, click 'Done'.** |

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