

Application for USPTO's National Summer Teacher Institute

The USPTO's National Summer Teacher Institute (NSTI) is a free, multi-day professional development program for elementary, middle, and high school teachers to increase their knowledge of invention education and intellectual property creation and protection. For more information, please visit [the NSTI website](#) and our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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Your Information

1. First name:

2. Last name:

3. Telephone number where you can be reached this summer:

(Format: xxx-xxx-xxxx)

4. Email address that you can access this summer:

Your school's information

5. School name:

6. School district or county:

7. School website:

8. Street:

9. City:

10. State or U.S. territory:

11. Zip code:

12. I have been employed as a full-time/part-time, licensed or certified teacher/instructional specialist or coach in an elementary, middle, or high school (public or private) in the United States for at least three years: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," please provide details:

13. I am currently teaching: ☐ Elementary School ☐ Middle School ☐ High School

14. Please select all subjects you have taught: *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Mathematics: Algebra, Calculus, Geometry, Trigonometry, other math courses
- ☐ Science: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Botany, Materials Science
- ☐ Technology: Computer Science, Computer-Aided Design, Technology, Graphic Design, Industrial Design, Rapid Prototyping
- ☐ Career and Technical Education
- ☐ Engineering: Engineering, Mechanics, Robotics, Design Thinking
- ☐ Business or Entrepreneurship
- ☐ General STEM/STEAM education
- ☐ Other: Please specify any other STEM or STEM-related subjects you have taught.

15. Please select any informal or formal educational programs where you have taught or mentored students in areas related to invention, innovation, making, or entrepreneurship. *(Check all that apply)*

- ☐ Computer Science Club
- ☐ Entrepreneurship Club
- ☐ Invention competitions
- ☐ Inventors Club
- ☐ Making/Design/Do-It-Yourself (DIY) projects
- ☐ Robotics programs
- ☐ Science Research/Citizen Science programs

- ☐ Science Fair
- ☐ Scouting
- ☐ 4-H
- ☐ STEM/STEAM Club
- ☐ Other

If other, provide details:

16. Why are you interested in attending NSTI? Please include any additional information you would like us to consider with your application. Please limit your response to 250 words or less.

17. Describe your approach to teaching and how you engage your students in a creative learning environment. Please limit your response to 250 words or less.

18. How did you hear about NSTI? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ USPTO website
- ☐ Social Media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn)
Which social media channel?
- ☐ USPTO webinar
- ☐ Email announcement
- ☐ Master Teacher of Invention and Intellectual Property Education Program (MTIP)
- ☐ National Summer Teacher Institute (NSTI) alumni
- ☐ PAEMST network
- ☐ Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator network
- ☐ Government agency

Identify program or agency: _____

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Teacher conference

Identify conference: _____

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Attendance at a previous USPTO event

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Other (please specify) _____

19. If selected to attend NSTI, I will make reasonable efforts to implement invention and IP education in my classroom, share my knowledge with colleagues and my school district, and stay connected with the USPTO. ☐ Yes ☐ No

20. I have read and agree to abide by the NSTI terms and conditions. ☐ Yes ☐ No

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