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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 *	Email Address *	Name of approving principal or administrator *

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

1. If selected for participation in the NSTI, I agree to attend all sessions beginning on July 17, 2016 and ending on July 22, 2016 and to make reasonable efforts, where applicable, to incorporate the lessons learned during the Institute in my classroom and school district/county during the 2016-2017 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. *	<b>YES NO</b>				
2. 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. *	<b>YES NO</b>				
3. 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. *	<b>YES NO</b>				
4. I have an interest in increasing student knowledge and understanding of the concepts of intellectual property, including creation and protection of intellectual property. *	<b>YES NO</b>				
5. Please check all STEM or STEM-related* courses you have taught during the 2015-2016 Academic Year: STEM is defined as any course in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics.					
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6. Please check all STEM or STEM-related* courses you will teach during the 2016-2017 Academic Year: STEM is defined as any course in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics.					
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\* 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.  
 \* Questions marked with a red asterisk require a response.

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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. \*

Computer Science Club Entrepreneurship Club Invention Competitions Inventors Club	Making/Design/Do-It-Yourself (DIY) projects Robotics Programs Science Fair Projects	Scouting 4-H Other (Please specify)
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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. *	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
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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.	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
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10. I understand that my principal or administrator may be contacted to verify awareness of my application to participate in this program. *	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
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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. *	<b>YES</b> <b>NO</b>
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12. Please share any additional information that may be relevant to your interest in participating in the USPTO National Summer Teacher Institute in July, 2016. (Please limit your response to 250 words or less) \*

By submitting this application form, the applicant certifies that all of the information and responses to questions are true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.  
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**Any one of the three signature formats is acceptable.**

Signature *	Date *
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Name (Print/Typed) *	
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