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National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Process

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National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI)

America's highest honor for technological achievement and innovation

- Awarded by **the President** at a White House ceremony
- **Honors** outstanding contributions to nation's **economic, environmental,** and **social** well-being through:
 - Technological innovation
 - Development & commercialization of products, processes, or concepts
 - Strengthening technological workforce



Previous Laureates





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Nomination requirements

Medal is awarded to:

- Living American citizens
- Individuals
- Teams up to 4 individuals
- Companies/divisions or non-profits



*First class of National Medal of Technology Laureates, 1985.
Photo: Ronald Reagan Presidential Library*

Nomination process

- Anyone can submit a nomination:
 - Online nomination form www.uspto.gov/nmti
 - Minimum 1 and maximum 6 letters of recommendation
 - Nominations are valid for 3 years
 - Deadline May 3



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Nominations [↗](#) for 2024 now open through May 3.

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The Medal is awarded to individuals, teams (up to four individuals), companies or divisions of companies for their outstanding contributions to America's economic, environmental and social well-being. The purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize those who have made lasting contributions to America's

competitiveness, standard of living, and quality of life through technological innovation, and to recognize those who have made substantial contributions to strengthening the nation's technological workforce.

Website: www.uspto.gov/nmti

Questions? Email: nmti@uspto.gov

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NMTI nomination information

- **Submit a nomination** [↗](#)
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Welcome to the nomination portal for the National Medal of Technology and Innovation!

Nominations for 2024 open February 5 to May 3, 2024.

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- U.S. citizenship is required.
- Nominations are valid for 3 years.
- We encourage nominations of candidates from traditionally underrepresented groups.

Nomination guidelines, sample nomination forms, and other resources can be found at www.uspto.gov/nmti.

[Watch a webinar](#) answering questions about the nomination process recording from March 12, 2024.

We encourage all nominators to [get in touch with the NMTI program staff](#) with your questions. We want to help you submit a quality application.

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What makes a good nomination?

- NMTI seeks to recognize outstanding contributions to nation's **economic, environmental, and social** well-being through **technological innovation, commercialization, or development of technological workforce**
- Completed nomination form and 3-6 letters directly address the contribution's impact
- Letters written by individuals who can describe the impact of the innovation
- Letters written by individuals from varied organizations



NMTI Medal. Photo: Jay Premack/USPTO





Evaluation criteria

- **Economic contributions:** e.g., importance and breadth of penetration of the technology, process or concept, including the number of industries/sectors benefited; U.S. job creation/wages; contribution to U.S. economic growth
- **Environmental contributions:** e.g., environmental stewardship; global climate change; biodiversity; sustainable development
- **Social well-being contributions:** e.g., U.S. global prestige and leadership; human health; safety and security; social cohesiveness; greater personal time and leisure activities
- **Development of technological workforce:** Economic (e.g., increasing workforce due to market demands or rapid development of education to meet demands) or Social Well-Being (e.g., increasing diversity)
- **Challenges faced and overcome:** technological, commercial, competitive, societal, and time
- See full Nomination Guidelines on www.uspto.gov/nmti



Selection

NMTI Evaluation Committee

- Distinguished experts, including CEOs and executives, university presidents or faculty, former winners
- Reviews and evaluates all nominations
- Makes their recommendations to Secretary of Commerce who then makes recommendations to the President

Members

- **Ms. Beena Ammanath**, Executive Director, Global Deloitte AI Institute
- **Ms. Shellye Archambeau**, CEO, MetricStream, Former
- **Dr. Carol Dahl**, Executive Director, The Lemelson Foundation, Retired
- **Mr. Orlando Figueroa**, President, Orlando Leadership Enterprise, NASA Retired
- **Dr. Joe W. Gray**, Professor Emeritus, Oregon Health & Science University
- **Dr. Paul Horn**, Senior Vice Provost, New York University, Retired
- **Dr. Cato Laurencin*** Professor, University of Connecticut
- **Dr. Douglas Lowy*** Deputy Director, National Cancer Institute
- **Dr. Cherry Murray*** Professor, University of Arizona
- **Dr. Roderic Pettigrew**, Inaugural Dean, Texas A&M University
- **Mr. Steven Sasson*** Inventor, Eastman Kodak Company, Retired
- **Dr. Telle Whitney**, CEO and President, Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology, Retired



* **NMTI Laureate**

Celebrating the Laureates

White House ceremony

- Laureates are honored by the President at White House ceremony and reception

Black tie gala

- Gala to celebrate with friends, family, colleagues, and dignitaries from US government



Gala dinner for NMTI Laureates. Photo: K. Makori/USPTO

Now for your questions

- Our goal is to help you submit a quality nomination!
- Nominations of candidates from historically underrepresented groups are encouraged
- Remember, deadline May 3
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Nominate America's
Leading Innovators



