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The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is expanding the Patents for Humanity Awards Program to include a new category for those who are responding rapidly to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic by using or developing game-changing technologies. This new award category will provide business incentives for patent applicants, holders, and licensees whose inventions track, prevent, diagnose, or treat COVID-19. Their success stories will inspire others to harness innovation for human progress.

Award

In addition to public recognition of their work, winners will receive a certificate that grants them accelerated USPTO processing for one eligible matter. New for this special award category as recently provided for in Public Law 116-316: Winners may transfer their acceleration certificate to a third party.

Apply Now! All innovations related to COVID-19 are eligible.



Any U.S. patent or patent application that addresses COVID-19 is eligible for this award, including any inventions created to track, diagnose, prevent, or treat the disease. Please note that this new award cycle will only be for applications related to COVID-19. To review the additional award categories available in future cycles, please visit the [Patents For Humanity](#) webpage.

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