



Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA CHAPTER of the  
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF INVENTORS®**

*Imagination is more important than knowledge, for  
imagination embraces the world. – Albert Einstein*

In universities across the nation and around the world,  
great scientists, scholars and educators are teaching the  
next generation of researchers and inventors.

The **National Academy of Inventors®** (NAI) was founded  
at the University of South Florida to recognize and  
encourage inventors who have a patent issued from the  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO); enhance the  
visibility of university technology and academic  
innovation; encourage the disclosure of intellectual  
property; educate and mentor innovative students; and  
translate the inventions of its members to benefit  
society.

A researcher's contribution reaches the benchmark of  
inventorship as recognized by the USPTO because its  
discovery had no significant prior art, was not obvious to  
someone else skilled in the field, and had a specific use.  
Although every invention and every inventor is unique,  
some things are common to all. It takes imagination and  
ingenuity to be an inventor.

Without inventors we would not have our iPads, smart  
phones, automobiles or new sources of energy. As a  
society, we are eager in anticipation of the cure for  
cancer, HIV, diabetes, and neurological disorders such  
as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease. An inventor feels  
a sense of pride when the years of hard work come to  
fruition with either a miraculous discovery in medicine  
or the next generation of information technology.

Inventors truly should be recognized for their  
imagination and accomplishments, and called upon to  
share their special translational talents within the  
university and the wider community.

Therefore, the University of Central Florida (UCF)  
Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors has been  
established to recognize the contributions of scientist-  
inventors across all disciplines in our university  
community.

**Membership:**

The UCF Chapter of the National Academy of Inventors  
is open to all members of the university community,  
including faculty, staff, alumni and affiliates, who have  
received an issued patent from the USPTO. An annual  
meeting and recognition ceremony will be held during  
the academic year and a list of members will be  
published, in order to enhance networking, recognition,  
and the opportunity to share your experiences.

Membership in the NAI is available through local  
university chapters or [NAI Fellowship](#). Chapter  
members are automatically enrolled as members of the  
NAI, with all rights and privileges thereof. For more  
information on the National Academy of Inventors, visit  
[www.academyofinventors.org](http://www.academyofinventors.org).

The NAI publishes the multidisciplinary journal  
[Technology and Innovation, Journal of the National  
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