

# Collegiate Inventors Competition



Founded in 1990, the Collegiate Inventors Competition recognizes and rewards the nation's top collegiate inventors. In partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Collegiate Inventors Competition is the nation's foremost competition encouraging innovation, entrepreneurship, and creativity in students who are working on cutting-edge inventions at their colleges and universities.

## Collegiate Inventors Competition Background

- The Collegiate Inventors Competition encourages entries from all fields of study, recognizing that the inventive spirit can emerge from any course, any university, and any student
- The Competition is operated by The National Inventors Hall of Fame, showcasing emerging student ideas and technologies that will shape our society in the near future
- Finalists have the opportunity to present their research and prototypes to the most influential inventors and invention experts in the nation – National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees, USPTO experts, and AbbVie scientists - for real-world feedback on optimizing the potential of each invention
- Winners are selected by the final judging panel and cash prizes are awarded to the top three entries in the undergraduate and graduate divisions

## Competition Details for 2016

- November 4<sup>th</sup> at USPTO Headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia
- The Expo provides Finalists a professional backdrop to showcase their inventions while also allowing them to interact directly with USPTO senior officials and patent examiners, corporate sponsors, and members of the intellectual property community and general public
- Graduate and Undergraduate winners and their advisors will be awarded cash and prizes
- Competition Finalists get to experience our Meet the Experts program

## Competition Sponsors:

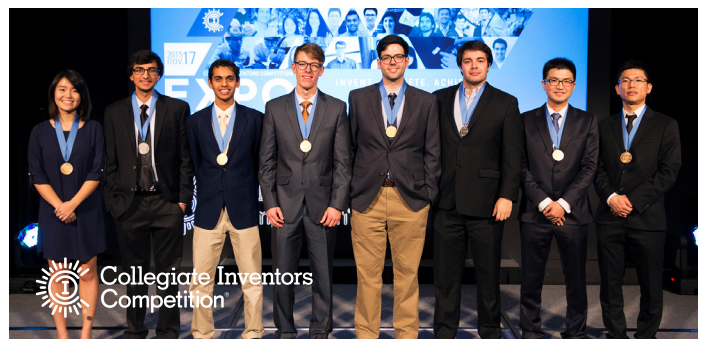
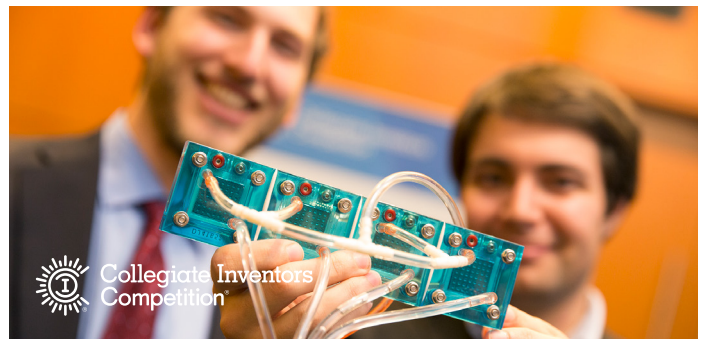
“The United States Patent and Trademark Office is proud to host the 2016 Collegiate Inventors Competition,” said Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Michelle K. Lee. “Each year, these emerging innovators transform their ideas into innovations to solve real world problems. They are transforming science and technology invention, innovation and entrepreneurship and are an inspiration to those of us committed to promoting innovation and the value of intellectual property.”

## Available resources include

- [www.collegiateinventors.org](http://www.collegiateinventors.org)
- [www.invent.org](http://www.invent.org)
- [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

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## — Spread the word, and get others excited about the Collegiate Inventors Competition! —

Social media is a powerful tool to disperse the message about the importance of investing in higher education research and innovation. As a partner on this mission, consider sharing the following suggested social media posts on your platforms.

### Follow the Collegiate Inventors Competition on Twitter!

#### Hashtags to Use:

#RoadtoCIC  
#CIC

#### Follow:

@InventorsHOF

### Like the Collegiate Inventors Competition and the National Inventors Hall of Fame on Facebook: @CollegiateInventors & @InventorsHOF

### Sample Tweets

#### Week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Meet the next generation of #STEM leaders at the #CIC Expo on Nov. 4! More info: [collegiateinventors.org](http://collegiateinventors.org)

#### Week of October 10<sup>th</sup>

See & meet inventors from the nation's top colleges at the #CIC Expo on Nov. 4! [collegiateinventors.org](http://collegiateinventors.org)

#### Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>

Experience what's new in #STEM technology at the #CIC Expo on Nov. 4! [collegiateinventors.org](http://collegiateinventors.org)

#### Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>

Witness the future of #STEM research at the #CIC Expo on 11/4. Visit [collegiateinventors.org](http://collegiateinventors.org) for info! #RoadtoCIC

#### Week of October 31<sup>st</sup>

Represent your university on Nov. 2 to support #research and #innovation. Tweet your photos using @InventorsHOF and #RoadtoCIC!

#### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Today is the #CIC Expo + Award Ceremony! Follow along for live updates all day on @InventorsHOF! #RoadtoCIC

### Sample Facebook Posts

#### Week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>

The annual @Collegiate Inventors Competition and Expo are only a few weeks away! Prepare to learn more about the advancements and inventions in science and technology that could change our world. Visit [collegiateinventors.org](http://collegiateinventors.org) to learn more about the 2016 Finalists. #RoadtoCIC

#### Week of October 10<sup>th</sup>

Preparation for the @Collegiate Inventors Competition and Expo is in full swing! Be one of the first to see all that our future generation will be offering in the advancement of invention and technology. #RoadtoCIC

#### Week of October 17<sup>th</sup>

The 2016 @Collegiate Inventors Competition Finalists have developed inventions that are shaping our future. Visit [collegiateinventors.org](http://collegiateinventors.org) to learn more about the competition that rewards and recognizes our nation's top student innovators. #RoadtoCIC #CIC

#### Week of October 24<sup>th</sup>

Innovation is a topic that impacts our daily lives. The @Collegiate Inventors Competition and Expo is taking place November 4. We encourage you to join us in celebrating the movement of invention, creativity, and innovation. For more information, please visit [collegiateinventors.org](http://collegiateinventors.org).

#### Week of October 31<sup>st</sup>

Show school spirit on November 2 to support student research, innovation, and the @Collegiate Inventors Competition! Post a picture of yourself wearing gear from your alma mater and use #RoadtoCIC to share with others. Tell your friends so they can be part of the fun, too!

#### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Today's the day of the @Collegiate Inventors Competition Expo + Awards! Follow along on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates throughout the day. If you're in the Washington, D.C. area, please stop by the @United States Patent and Trademark Office between 11:00 AM -12:00 PM today to see it all live!

### Additional Social Media Resources

#### Collegiate Inventors Competition

LinkedIn:

[www.linkedin.com/company/collegiate-inventors-competition](http://www.linkedin.com/company/collegiate-inventors-competition)

#### National Inventors Hall of Fame

Facebook: [@InventorsHOF](https://www.facebook.com/InventorsHOF)

Twitter: [@InventorsHOF](https://twitter.com/InventorsHOF)

#### USPTO

Facebook: [@USPTO.gov](https://www.facebook.com/USPTO.gov)

Twitter: [@USPTO](https://twitter.com/USPTO)