The NAI Fellows Program was established to highlight academic inventors who have demonstrated a prolific spirit of innovation in creating or facilitating outstanding inventions that have made a tangible impact on quality of life, economic development and the welfare of society. Election to NAI Fellow status is the highest professional distinction accorded solely to academic inventors.

The program has 912 Fellows worldwide representing more than 250 prestigious universities and governmental and non-profit research institutes. Collectively, the Fellows hold more than 32,000 issued U.S. patents, which have generated over 9,400 licensed technologies and companies, and created more than 1.3 million jobs. In addition, over $137 billion in revenue has been generated based on NAI Fellow discoveries.

Academic inventors and innovators elected to the rank of NAI Fellow status have been nominated by their peers for outstanding contributions to innovation in areas such as patents and licensing, innovative discovery and technology, significant impact on society, and support and enhancement of innovation.

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Eligibility & Requirements:
- Fellow nominees must be a named inventor on patent(s) issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and affiliated with a university, non-profit research institute or other academic entity to qualify. (The median patent count among current NAI Fellows is 20.)
- Nominees should have reached professional maturity and be recognized as pioneers in their field.
- Nominee does not have to be a current member of the National Academy of Inventors, nor affiliated with a Member Institution (although recommended) of the National Academy of Inventors.

Internal Nomination Process:
Interested applicants should submit the following documents:

1. JHU Limited Submission Cover Sheet
2. Letter of nomination from the Nominator containing evidence of the nominee’s outstanding contribution to and achievements in innovation, describing the nominee’s work and why he or she should be elected as a NAI Fellow. No more than two (2) pages.
3. Curriculum Vitae of investigator, including current external research support and publications
4. Full list of US patents

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