

## University of Memphis Joins Prestigious National Academy of Inventors

The University of Memphis, through the Office of Technology Transfer (OTT) within the Division of Research & Innovation, was recently welcomed as a new member of The National Academy of Inventors® (NAI). The NAI is a member organization that includes both U.S. and international universities, as well as governmental and non-profit research institutes. Currently, there are over 4,000 individual inventor members covering more than 250 institutions worldwide.

The goal of the NAI is to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, to increase the visibility of researchers' achievements and to highlight the capabilities of academic technology and innovation. In addition, the organization encourages disclosure of intellectual property as well as communicates the inventions of its members in hopes of benefitting society as a whole. The NAI also publishes the multidisciplinary journal *Technology and Innovation*, Journal of the National Academy of Inventors®.

In joining this organization, "OTT seeks to become part of a large network of university members that promote innovative research that make our society better," states OTT director, Dr. Hai Trieu. "Additionally, we hope to create awareness within our university community about the need for innovations and inventions from academic research, and encourage and incentivize our researchers to contribute to the university's intellectual property with free individual NAI membership through the university's institutional membership."

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