



# CHAPTERS

NAI Chapters play an instrumental role in strengthening the innovation ecosystem. In addition to serving their respective institutional communities, Chapters are an incredibly powerful tool that NAI Member Institutions can utilize to bring about their vision for impactful innovation and research within their institutions and communities. With access to the wealth of NAI's program and resources and its customizable nature, Chapters can be tailored to meet your institution's interests, from arming staff and students with critical educational resources to celebrating faculty inventors through special events and recognitions.

The Academy's Chapter network is currently comprised of 51 official chapters. These Chapters serve as hubs for connection, facilitating collaboration and encouraging and engaging students, inventors, and leaders within NAI Member Institutions and in their local communities. They also celebrate and highlight the achievements of NAI Members, honor innovation champions, and promote innovation through events, ceremonial inductions, activities, and more. In all, NAI Chapters foster a dynamic innovation culture, creating a shared network in which inventors and advocates for innovation across the institution are recognized, supported, and celebrated.

We are pleased to recognize the seven new chapters that were established this fiscal year: Tufts University, University of Hong Kong, University of Iowa, the University of Utah, University of Arkansas, Lawrence Technological University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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## Chapter Highlights

New Jersey Institute of Technology's chapter collaborated with the NJIT Center for Translational Research (CRT) for a workshop on Intellectual Property and Tech Transfer in Translational Research.

This event aimed to enhance the research, innovation, and entrepreneurship ecosystem at NJIT and provided attendees with the opportunity to engage with experts in intellectual property, tech transfer, licensing, and funding strategies.

**Learn more about the event**

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Lawrence Technological University launched their Chapter with an inaugural innovation event, featuring panels and speakers discussing IP issues of today and gaining insights from IP law firms on moving inventions to market.

**Learn more about why LTU established an NAI Chapter.**

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Northeastern University showcases their dedication to innovation through their multiple chapter events.

Their latest meeting in the fall of 2024 brought together industry experts, academic leaders, and aspiring inventors, and provided a platform for discussions on intellectual property, green technology, and sustainable development.

**Learn more about Northeastern's robust chapter and how they're engaging their inventive faculty and students.**

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## Chapter of Excellence Award

In 2023, the Academy introduced the Chapter of Excellence Award to recognize the efforts and dedication of exceptional NAI Chapters. This recognition is awarded based on member participation and collaboration with its host Member Institution and others in the innovation ecosystem. Promotion and marketing of the Chapter and its activities, and the overall support the Chapter provides to its members and host Member Institution are also criteria for the award. Stony Brook University was the recipient of this year's Chapter of Excellence Award and was recognized during the 13th Annual Conference.

**Stony Brook University**

**Established 2015, 100 Members**

Since its inception in 2015, Stony Brook University's NAI Chapter has successfully created a thriving community of inventors on its campus. The chapter organizes informational and networking events, provides activities aimed at strengthening the innovation community on campus, and honors early-career innovators with its annual Young Academic Inventors Award and a Young Inventors Symposium.

