



RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OF NEW JERSEY

EDISON PATENT AWARD 2017 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Established in 1962, the Research & Development Council of New Jersey has sustained its core mission of advancing research and development in New Jersey through a variety of initiatives, one, in particular, being the recognition of outstanding R&D work done in the state. The Council annually honors the most exceptional efforts of scientists and inventors, along with their organizations, with the awarding of the prestigious **Edison Patent Award**.

The Edison Patent Award may be awarded in several categories, depending upon the particular year's nomination lot; note that depending upon submissions, more than one patent award may be awarded per category. Categories include, but are not limited to:

Agriculture	Enabling Technologies	Medical/Technology Transfer
Biomaterials	Energy	Medical Health
Biotechnology	Environmental	Neutraceuticals
Consumer	Homeland Security	Pharmaceutical
Defense	Industrial Processes	Technology Transfer
Emerging Technology	Information Technology	Telecommunications
Emerging Therapies		

If you do not find a category that you believe is appropriate for your patent, the Council encourages you to submit your patent and identify a new category in which your patent should be recognized.

Award winners will be selected by the Council's Patent Award Committee which is made up of several of New Jersey's top researchers. The winners will be announced in June and honored at the Council's awards ceremony on November 2, 2017.

Prior to the awards ceremony, the Council will create a **truly unique film** for each respective organization which will showcase both the inventors and the winning patent, and premiere at the Council's awards ceremony. In 2016, thirteen Edison Patent Awards were awarded to New Jersey organizations

To view past winners and films, please go to the Council website at www.rdnj.org and click on the *Awards and Recognition* tab.

(and 50 researchers), including AdvanSix, ExxonMobil, Immunomedics, Lockheed Martin, Merck, NJIT, Nokia Bell Labs, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Rutgers/Matinas BioPharma, Rutgers, Siemens, and TE Connectivity SubCom.

The Edison Patent Award Submission Guidelines and Nomination Application can also be downloaded at www.rdnj.org.

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In order to be considered for a patent award, the following criteria must be met:

- 1) Patent must be unexpired.
- 2) Allowed patents are permitted, providing that there is a commitment that the patent will issue by the Council's awards ceremony (November 2, 2017); **pharmaceutical patents may pertain to products that are in Phase II or Phase III clinical trials.**
- 3) Patent must have at least part of the technical/scientific work that comprises the patent (i.e. work pertaining to at least one Claim) done in New Jersey and submitter must be able to substantiate this.
- 4) Patent must not have been selected for this award in prior years. Prior year nominations that were not previously selected for an award may be resubmitted.
- 5) **Nomination applications must be submitted by May 26, 2017.**

If you should have any questions, please contact Council Executive Director Kim Case, Esq. at kcase@rdnj.org or (973) 274-8336.



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EDISON PATENT AWARD 2017 NOMINATION APPLICATION

Please use this completed form as the cover sheet for each 2017 Edison Patent Award nomination; **organizations may submit more than one patent nomination.** Prior to filling out this application, please be sure to review the 2017 Submission Guidelines and make sure that your nomination fulfills the criteria set forth.

The Council must receive completed nomination applications and materials **by May 26, 2017.**

****This document and the information provided in it will serve solely for the use and review of the Council and its Edison Patent Awards Committee members for the 2017 Edison Patent Awards program.****

SUBMITTER/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION¹

Submitted by: _____

Title of Submitter: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Direct Telephone No.: _____

Direct Email: _____

Organization Website: _____

PATENT INFORMATION

Title of Patent: _____

Patent Number: _____

Date of Issue: _____

¹ If you need additional space in order to provide complete information as requested in this application, please include additional pages as necessary.



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Inventor(s) Information:

(a) Please provide the name(s) and title(s) of the patent inventor(s) and list whether or not the inventor is still an employee of your organization.

(b) Was any part of the work that comprised this patent done outside of New Jersey? If yes, please substantiate that at least part of the technical/scientific work that comprises the patent (i.e. work pertaining to at least one Claim) was done in New Jersey.

Provide the following information, in the order listed, using typewritten pages (please mark off each as you complete each requirement).

- _____ 1. Brief description of the invention;
- _____ 2. Describe background (e.g. statement of problem or motivation for invention);
- _____ 3. Identify in which of the below category(ies) your patent should be considered for an award (you may identify more than one):

Agriculture	Enabling Technologies	Medical/Technology
Biomaterials	Energy	Transfer
Biotechnology	Environmental	Medical Health
Consumer	Homeland Security	Neutraceuticals
Defense	Industrial Processes	Pharmaceutical
Emerging Technology	Information	Technology Transfer
Emerging Therapies	Technology	Telecommunications



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If you feel your nomination should be considered for a category not listed, please identify this category: _____

_____4. If there is a trademark, trade name, or service mark associated with this commercial product or process in the public domain, please provide the name: _____

_____5. Describe originality and contribution to advancement of science and technology;

_____6. Describe utility and/or socio-economic value;

_____7. Describe commercial impact and significance to organization;

_____8. Other values (e.g. national security, telecommunications, healthcare);

a. Is this a small company?

b. Is this a single inventor patent?

c. Environmental aspects of importance

d. Does this invention enhance reputation of the organization? Of New Jersey?

e. National economic/health impact

f. Any other pertinent factors

_____9. Is this patent currently involved in litigation? If so, please explain.

_____10. Attach a copy of the nominated patent.

NOTE: AVOID EN BLOC PATENTS; THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT REGARDED THESE FAVORABLY IN THE PAST. SUBMISSIONS MUST BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC INVENTOR(S) AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION(S), AS OPPOSED TO A SERIES OF PATENTS CONCERNING A PARTICULAR PRODUCT.

Submit 2017 Edison Patent nomination applications and materials by May 26, 2017 to:

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*If you email your submission, please request a confirmation that it was received.