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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Offers STEM Education Opportunities, Support

Who will be the next great American inventor? They could be sitting in one of your classrooms or programs right now. But what resources can you share with them as they grapple with next steps for their innovative idea? We sat down with Linda Hosler of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to talk about their education and outreach programs that span pre-K to adult.

Here's a snippet:

Q: What is your office's goal in providing such educational programs and resources?

A: We want to encourage and support American inventors of all ages, fields and backgrounds. We want them to innovate and then to protect their ideas and businesses.

By providing these resources, we want students to be energized and think of themselves as inventors. We want adults to know about the importance of American innovation and our IP system.

Read the full interview and learn about all of the USPTO's programs [on our blog](#).

News from across STEMx

New York: The North Country STEM Learning Network hosted "Career Jam," their nationally recognized hallmark event on May 17, where 8th and 9th grade students explored career opportunities in STEM fields including agriculture, architecture, construction, healthcare, and manufacturing in collaboration with regional business partners. New York State Commissioner of Labor Roberta Reardon attended the event. You can see photos on [their website](#).

Ohio: The STEM+M Early College High School in southern Ohio serves students from three states - Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia - to serve the tri-state region. The largest employers are in health-related fields, with 5 major hospitals in the region, hence the extra "M" on their name. Read more about their unique model on the [OSLN blog](#).

Washington: Washington STEM recently said goodbye to their CFO Cindy Gustafson, who was part of the founding team of the organization six years ago. They welcome their new CFO Tarik Rahmani this month. Read more about [Cindy](#) and [Tarik](#) on their website.

Many STEMx members will head to the STEM Forum & Expo, hosted by NSTA, from July 11–13 in Philadelphia. Read about their presentations [here](#).

Announcements + Opportunities

- The **Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS)** has released a **Request for Proposals** for an Organization to Partner on STEM Programming Alongside the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force,

and Battelle. Submissions are due August 3, 2018 at 5:00 pm EST.

For more information visit [our blog](#) and [the RFP](#).

- Smithsonian Science Education Center announces **The Next Steps Institute** for STEM education leaders. The three-day program will provide leaders in K–12 education with a rich STEM learning experience. It is hosted by the Smithsonian Science Education Center and South Carolina’s Coalition for Mathematics and will take place October 10–12, 2018 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. For more information visit [their website](#).
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