



Dr. Rory Cooper Named an NAI Fellow

In December 2014, the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) named 170 distinguished innovators to NAI Fellow status including McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine affiliated faculty member [Rory Cooper, Ph.D.](#), the FISA/PVA Endowed Chair and a Distinguished Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Pittsburgh. Those named bring the total number of NAI Fellows to 414, representing more than 150 prestigious research universities and governmental and non-profit research institutions.



Election to NAI Fellow status is a high professional distinction accorded to academic inventors who have demonstrated a highly 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. The academic inventors and innovators elected to the rank of NAI Fellow are named inventors on U.S. patents and were 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.

Dr. Cooper and the other new NAI Fellows will be inducted on March 20, 2015, as part of the 4th Annual Conference of the National Academy of Inventors at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations Andrew Faile will be providing the keynote address for the induction ceremony. Fellows will be presented with a special trophy, newly designed medal, and rosette pin in honor of their outstanding accomplishments. Also, the 2014 NAI Fellows will be recognized with a full page announcement in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* 16 January 2015 issue, and in upcoming issues of *Inventors Digest* and *Technology and Innovation*.

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