

### Introduction

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**Thank you in advance for your honest feedback in this important survey.**

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Filing

\* 1. Since taking the StART course from March 22 - March 24, have you filed a patent application?

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Have Filed

2. Have you used what you learned in the course to file your patent application?

- ☐ No, and I do not plan on using anything I learned    ☐ No, but I probably will use what I learned  
☐ No, but I have a plan to use what I learned    ☐ Yes, I have already used part of what I learned  
☐ Yes, I have already used much or all of what I learned

3. Which of the following aspects of the StART course were the most helpful in enabling you to successfully submit a patent application?

	Not helpful	Somewhat helpful	Reasonably helpful	Very helpful
Course content and materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Presentations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
One-on-one breakout sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Follow-up from the Pro Se Assistance Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. Where did you encounter the most difficulties in submitting your application?

	No difficulties	Some difficulties	Considerable difficulties	Many difficulties
Understanding the requirements	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conducting searches	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Writing my claims	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Completing forms	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Navigating the necessary systems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Overall, how useful has the StART course been to facilitate the submitting of your application?

- ☐ Not at all useful    ☐ Somewhat useful    ☐ Reasonably useful    ☐ Very useful

## Haven't Filed

6. Have you used what you learned in the course to work on your patent application?

- ☐ No, and I do not plan on using anything I learned
 ☐ No, but I probably will use what I learned  
☐ No, but I have a plan to use what I learned
 ☐ Yes, I have already used part of what I learned  
☐ Yes, I have already used much or all of what I learned

7. Which of the following aspects of the StART course were the most helpful in the process of filing a patent application?

	Not helpful	Somewhat helpful	Reasonably helpful	Very helpful
Course content and materials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Presentations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Group sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
One-on-one breakout sessions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Follow-up from the Pro Se Assistance Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Where did you encounter the most difficulties while working on your application?

- ☐ Upon a search, I do not plan to file my invention  
☐ I'm still finalizing the idea for my invention  
☐ I need more time to write my claim  
☐ I am having difficulty with completing forms  
☐ I am unable to navigate the systems needed to file an application  
☐ I do not understand the various requirements to file  
☐ Other (please specify)

9. Overall, how useful has the StART course been to facilitate your work on a patent application?

- ☐ Not at all useful
 ☐ Somewhat useful
 ☐ Reasonably useful
 ☐ Very useful

Conclusion

10. Please provide any additional comments you might have concerning your patent filing experiences since the StART course.

**Thank you for completing our survey. Your responses will help us to evaluate and, if necessary, improve the course.**

**Clicking 'Done' below will submit your answers, close the survey window, and redirect you to the external USPTO website.**

**When you are satisfied that your responses are complete, click 'Done'.**