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[Iowa State among top universities granted U.S. patents](#)



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Iowa State University is [ranked 70th in the world](#) among U.S. utility patents in 2014, according to a report released by the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) and the Intellectual Property Owners Association (IPO).

In total, ISU researchers earned 31 U.S. patents in 2014 for a variety of devices. The MSE Department had five faculty members recognized for their patents

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MSE Highlights



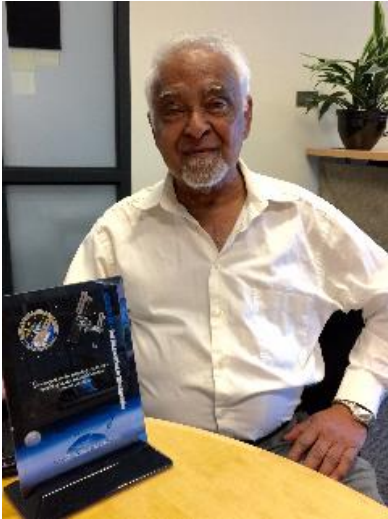
- Professor Emeritus Thomas McGee [celebrated his 90th birthday](#) on June 9. He marked the milestone birthday with a reception held in Hoover Hall attended by friends and colleagues.

- Anja Mudring, the Glenn Murphy Professor of Science and Engineering, has been named the new Director of Graduate Education (DOGE) for the MSE department. She replaces outgoing DOGE Xiaoli Tan.
- Two new faculty members joined the MSE department on July 1. Peter Collins and Jun Cui are both Associate Professors who will be profiled in the August issue of *Elements*.
- Larry Genalo, University Professor and Associate Chair, received the 2015 Distinguished Service Award from the Division of Experimentation and Laboratory Oriented Studies (DELOS) at the 2015 ASEE Annual Conference and Exhibition in Seattle, Washington.



- The MSE department will look a little different this fall as we say farewell to two of our professors. Krishna Rajan has accepted a position as department chair and will start a new department in Materials Design and Innovation at the University of Buffalo-State University of New York. Scott Beckman has accepted a position at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington.

- **Wei Hong, Associate Professor in aerospace engineering with an appointment in MSE, was one of two recipients of the 2015 Bailey Career Development Award. Funding from the award will support Hong's work detailed in a proposal titled *Next-generation micro-structured materials through additive manufacturing*.**
- **Alan Constant, senior lecturer, was named the recipient of the 2015 Louis Thompson Distinguished Undergraduate Teacher Award given by the university.**



- **Rohit Trivedi, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, was recognized by NASA for his work on the International Space Station.**

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