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See how CU system ranks for utility patents received in 2017

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The University of Colorado system is No. 52 in the world among universities granted U.S. utility patents in 2017.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office granted 48 utility patents to Boulder-based system last year, according to the National Academy of Inventors, a Florida-based nonprofit, and the Intellectual Property Owners Association, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C.

The CU system is made up of CU Boulder, CU-Colorado Springs, CU-Denver and CU Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora.

Utility patents cover inventions that create or improve products, processes and machines and represent 90 percent of all patents issued in the country. They require authorization for non-patent holders to make, use or sell the invention.

Patents can cover a wide array of items — many highly scientific of technological. If you have some time on your hands and want to browse patents yourself, head over the website of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The top 10 patent recipients in the report from National Academy of Inventors and Intellectual Property Owners Association are as follows:

1. University of California System
2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
3. UT System
4. Stanford University
5. Tsinghua University, China
6. King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Saudi Arabia
7. Johns Hopkins University
8. Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation
9. Harvard University
10. California Institute of Technology