

# EMPOWERING INNOVATION

Elevating IP Excellence at HBCUs

## PRESSING POINTS



### Diversity Gap

Despite making up 13% of the population, **Black attorneys represent only 1.8% of IP lawyers**—a clear call for change in the IP field.



### Patent Power

In 40 years, **UC Berkeley has secured 12,000 patents**—30 times more than the combined 400 patents from all HBCUs.



### Inventor Inequality

Only 12.8% of U.S. patent inventors are women. **White Americans are 3 times more likely to invent than Black Americans**, and kids from top 1% income families are 10 times more likely to become inventors than those from lower-income families.



### Survey Insights

Over 700 past MIIP users revealed that **African Americans with doctorates strongly support IP protection** and feel more knowledgeable about IP after using MIIP materials.

## REVEALING OUTCOMES



### Grant Impact

**\$16.5 million in grants awarded to 23 colleges**, including HBCUs and MSIs, to fuel innovation and boost regional economies. NIH is also committed to diversifying its grants.



### HBCU Recognition

**Only 11 HBCUs have achieved R2 status as doctoral universities**, highlighting a need for greater academic recognition and support.



### Boosting Impact

Seven institutions rolled out Michelson IP courses to 200 students each, **impacting over 1,400 students** and exceeding our goals. While some offered 2 courses, others integrated up to 8!

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