University of Illinois Seeks ‘Innovation Enthusiasts’
To Join Commercialization Intern Team

Intern positions available at Illinois OTM

Our Office of Technology Management Commercialization Analyst (CA) Intern program is one of the most highly regarded in the university tech transfer community. Every year we have a new class of CA Interns, and every year we are continually impressed with their work. We know the next class – which may include you – won’t let us down.

Do you want to be part of a vibrant technology transfer environment? The OTM has in the last five years licensed to 35 start-up companies, executed 208 licenses and options, and received over 1,000 invention disclosures. We have a growing portfolio of technologies across a broad range of scientific disciplines.

“Interviewers were consistently interested in my time with the OTM - it allowed me to demonstrate several critical skills in a relevant setting.” - Intern David Dremann

“I get to work with world class scientists that are doing cutting edge research.” – Intern Andy Clemens

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Duties of our interns:

- Screen new inventions disclosed by university faculty and staff
- Interview inventors to clarify technology disclosure details including market applications, stage of development, future interest in development, and potential licensees
- Perform preliminary market and industry analysis for the applications of new technologies
  - Sources regularly used include Onesource and Marketresearch.com databases
- Perform prior art research for new technologies
  - Sources regularly used include Delphion and US Patent and Trademark Office patent databases
- Recommend a disposition for technologies to OTM technology managers based upon market research, prior art, and other commercialization factors
- Develop PowerPoint presentations that outline the screening decision and research for technologies, to be presented to OTM technology managers and, later with modification, to the inventor
- Assist OTM technology managers in the further assessment and marketing of technologies that are in advanced stages of the commercialization process
- Assist OTM technology managers in the review of previously screened technologies that have been withheld from commercialization and/or patent efforts pending further development

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Skills Required:

- Business knowledge of intellectual property rights and protection and the commercialization/marketing of such intellectual property
- Advanced internet research capabilities
- Internet search engines and reference sites
- Boolean searches
- UIUC Library Gateway
- Online academic journals
- Basic Excel proficiency
- Good verbal and written communication skills