Volunteer Internship Program

The Volunteer Internship Program at the Center for Technology Licensing at Cornell University (CTL) offers a unique opportunity for Cornell students, post-docs, and researchers to gain hands-on experience in university technology management and commercialization at the Cornell Ithaca campus or the Weill Cornell Medical College campus.

Interns work closely with professionals at CTL on a part-time basis, providing support in various aspects of technology management including invention assessments and technology marketing. The program is intended to augment CTL’s ability to diligently manage its technology portfolio, while providing interns a valuable in practicum learning experience.

Typical activities may include landscape research in assessing the commercial viability of new inventions, identifying potential licensees or investors, developing marketing materials or business plans, and reviewing the patent literature.

To be considered for the Volunteer Internship Program, you must be a Cornell student, post-doc or staff (i.e. you must have a Cornell NetID or WCMC cwid). Before you apply, please be cognizant of the following:

- Interns are expected to be able to commit up to 10 hours/week to the program and are expected to stay with the program for at least three months.
- Much work is done remotely; therefore good writing and tele-communication skills [via emails] are necessary.
- A strong science research background is required for this program.
- All interns will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Selection will be based on a combination of factors, including:

- Scientific / technical background
- Enthusiasm and willingness to take on new challenges
- Interest in technology transfer
- Prior experience (if any) in business or in commercial environments
- Academic performance at Cornell or WCMC

Training will be provided. We do encourage submissions and resubmissions from previous applicants who have taken steps to strengthen the desired skill set and experience.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process, please contact Laura Salter at LC12@cornell.edu. Completed applications should also be sent to Laura Salter at LC12@cornell.edu.