Internship Opportunity with UNM Rainforest Innovations

Innovation Intern - Student Internship in Technology Transfer

Background
UNM Rainforest Innovations (formerly STC.UNM) is a nonprofit corporation formed by and owned entirely by the University of New Mexico (UNM) to protect and transfer its faculty inventions to the commercial marketplace, and facilitate UNM’s role as a contributor to New Mexico’s economic development.

Job Description
The student internship at UNM Rainforest Innovations provides a combination of experiences including learning about the field of technology transfer (intellectual property and commercialization). Student interns have the opportunity to work with UNM Rainforest Innovations staff, attend educational seminars including presentations from visiting patent attorneys and companies, as well as interact with local entrepreneurs and investors. This position will benefit anyone that would like to get a better understanding of the intersection of business, science, and law. Training will be provided. Position reports to UNM Rainforest Innovations’ Technology Marketing Manager, Hannah Russert.

Please note this position currently requires students to work remotely. Students will need access to a computer and reliable internet access.

Student Internship Assignments May Include:
- Prior Art Searching
- Drafting non-confidential summaries of new inventions
- Conducting market analysis for new technologies
- Identifying potential licensees
- Recording marketing activities and interactions
- Developing marketing materials and elements of business plans
- Utilizing our proprietary database which tracks all intellectual property management, marketing, and licensing activities
- Working with start-up companies through our Joseph L. Cecchi VentureLab Program
- Other special projects

Qualifications
Candidates, at a minimum, should be starting their sophomore or junior year in a biology or related life-sciences discipline, engineering, chemistry, physics, computer science, business, MIS, MPA, or JD discipline. Some experience working in a professional office preferred. Candidates for this position should be adept at computer skills, must have great organization skills and must be keen to detail. Candidates must be enrolled students at UNM (min. of 6 credit hours) for the duration of the internship and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA (3.0 or higher GPA is preferred).

Compensation
Student internship is part-time (approx. 15-20 hours/week) on a semester-by-semester basis at an hourly wage rate of $15 per hour. The employment period is for the Fall/Spring semester with the possibility of continued part-time employment. Candidates must be dependable with a strong work ethic and be able to work with minimal supervision.

How to Apply
Email your cover letter and résumé as an Adobe Acrobat (PDF), MS Word attachment, or as plain text in the message body to Hannah Russert at hrussert@innovations.unm.edu with the subject line “Innovation Intern.”