TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER INTERNSHIP – Fall Quarter, 2020

Background:

Within the Office of Research, the division of Innovation & Technology Commercialization (ITC):

- Identifies, protects and provides stewardship of intellectual property generated by campus researchers;
- Engages industry partners and negotiates contractual arrangements to facilitate effective technology transfer;
- Fosters an entrepreneurial environment on campus by facilitating start-up formation and new models for technology commercialization; and
- Identifies, creates and manages transformative partnerships with industry through effective collaboration and relationship management.

Under the Technology Management arm of ITC, Innovation*Access* provides services that connect research to the marketplace and is focused specifically on protecting and facilitating the commercialization of university intellectual property as well as fostering entrepreneurship within the campus community. The team:

- Provides support for early-stage UC Davis technologies,

- Supports entrepreneurship and UC Davis originated start-up companies,

- Evaluates and patents inventions from UC Davis faculty, researchers, and staff,

- Licenses inventions for commercialization in the private sector.

UC Davis Innovation*Access* is currently accepting applications for an unpaid Technology Transfer internship position for the Fall Quarter, 2020.

Overview of Internship:

Most of the inventions developed and commercialized today originate at universities. The Technology Transfer Intern will learn the process of technology transfer in a university setting and gain transferrable real-world business skills by assisting UC Davis Innovation*Access* and Intellectual Property Officers. Activities in which the Technology Transfer Intern will participate will include:

Technology Review – Evaluation of invention disclosures as part of the process for patentability and commercial assessments. Includes conducting internet research and report preparation for assigned technology(ies).

Commercial Positioning – Under the direction of Intellectual Property Officers, prepare materials for marketing of UC Davis inventions, including drafting non-confidential descriptions and marketing lists of potential licensees for specific technologies. Develop research profiles for targeted industries and companies, using websites and databases.

Marketing – Under the direction of Intellectual Property Officers, initiate contact with potential licensing targets for university technologies.

This is a role of great responsibility and potential impact since the activities of the Technology Transfer Intern will directly influence the successful translation of the leading edge research performed by campus researchers into a commercial setting thereby facilitating an impact of the University's innovative science and technology for the broadest public benefit.

Appointment type: Non-paid Internship

Positions available: One (1)

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Must be available 8-10 hours per week

Office hours between 8 am and 5 pm

Position location: Working remotely from home

(OR offices off-campus in South Davis – 1850 Research Park, Suite 100)

Other: Successful Intern candidate will be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement

Qualifications:

-Current UC Davis graduate student (M.S. or Ph.D.) or postdoctoral fellow in the biological or physical sciences.

-Ability to appropriately handle confidential information and material in the workplace.

-Interpersonal oral and written skills to effectively communicate with faculty, staff, external customers for university technology and others, at a sophisticated and relevant technical level as needed.

Process:

Applications will be accepted now through June 12, 2020. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume and a list of three references to Raj Gururajan rgururajan@ucdavis.edu or Nancy Rashid nerashid@ucdavis.edu, referencing Technology Transfer Internship.