# Office of Technology Development
# Internship Program

The Office of Technology Development (OTD) offers three intern specialist experiences on a rolling basis throughout the year.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to participate in this program the student must be in their 2nd or 3rd year and in good academic standing. Preference will be given to students enrolled in Penn State graduate level programs: the Smeal College of Business and the College of Medicine Pharmacology-PS Harrisburg Ph.D./MBA program.

Internship opportunities offered are:

- MBA - Business Specialist
- Ph.D./MBA - Science Translation Specialist
- JD – Intellectual Property Law Specialist

Intern specialist opportunities are offered to talented, self-motivated, enthusiastic students who present an interest in patent related activities, market valuation analysis, as well as entrepreneurial, commercialization and business development activities. A science background is helpful, although not required for all positions.

All activities related to these positions are centered on the work conducted in the Office of Technology Development at the Penn State College of Medicine and Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and related to its faculty/staff's inventions and discoveries developed in the field of biotechnology, and the health care industry.

**Duties/Responsibilities:** Intern specialists will actively engage and contribute to the mission of the office. Interns, through their experience, add significant value to the IP evaluations, marketing and commercialization efforts conducted by the office.

As part of the experience, interns may be asked to

- conduct meetings with faculty inventors to gain better understanding of the scientific background, art, and novelty of a disclosed technology
- provide assistance to inventor by effectively translating the scientific language contained in technology disclosures to laymen's terms for marketing purposes
- evaluate disclosures for patentability
- prepare non-confidential disclosures
- complete publication searches
- conduct market valuations of disclosures in the OTD's IP portfolio
- assist with presentations for marketing technologies
- prepare business plans for use in technology commercialization

Work conducted by the intern specialist not only benefits Penn State College of Medicine and Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, but also provides the student with invaluable hands on educational experience. In addition to the value gained through exposure to cutting edge science, technology innovation, commercialization activities and business strategy development, the OTD offers professional career opportunities through exposure to business and community leaders, venture capitalists and angel investors through involvement in meetings and networking events. Professional development activities are also offered through participation in educational programs such as Innovation Café and the Ben Franklin Techcelerator program.

**Time Commitment:** Perspective candidates must be available to work approximately 15 - 20 hours per week. The ability to work remotely is offered, however availability to attend meetings, as-needed, in the Office of Technology Development is desired.

**Academic Credit:** Credit offered is subject to coordination with the college where candidate resides.

**Application Process:** Interested candidates should submit a resume or CV to Viviane Martine, Ph.D. at vmartin@hmc.psu.edu. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.