The mission of the OTC is to facilitate the transfer of University of Minnesota research to licensees for development of new products and services that benefit the public good, foster economic growth and generate revenue to support the University’s research and education goals.

OTC offers a unique opportunity for University of Minnesota graduate students and post-docs to gain valuable experience with technology transfer and commercialization. Interns work closely with (OTC) on a part-time basis, providing support for invention assessments, patent searches and technology marketing.

Responsibilities
Typical projects may include assessing the commercial viability of new inventions, review of patent literature, developing marketing materials, and identifying potential licensees. Students will work in collaboration with OTC Technology Managers who assess new technologies and manage the commercialization process.

Qualifications & Selection Criteria
Candidates qualified for the program:

- University of Minnesota graduate students (MS, PhD, MBA, JD) who have completed their coursework (24 thesis credit hours) & passed their preliminary exam.
- Individuals with experience in the following disciplines are encouraged to apply, but not limited to – life sciences, physical sciences, engineering (ME, CE, EE), medical devices, chemistry, pharmacology, pharmaceutics, etc.
- PhD/MS students and post-docs must obtain their research advisor’s approval to be in the program - MBA/JD students do not have this requirement.
- Foreign candidates only – must contact the International Student & Scholars Services to verify you have the correct visa status for working at OTC, and have ISSS send a confirmatory e-mail. You cannot be paid without the correct visa. (See http://www.isss.umn.edu/ for more information.)
- Please be aware that you can only be employed by the University for a total of 40 hours per week, 20 hours for foreign students and post-docs. Please let us know if you have another appointment at the University. If you currently have another position at the U, you may not be eligible to be paid by OTC.

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

- Scientific / technical background
- Written communication skills, organizational skills and attention to detail
- Interest in technology transfer and/or business & marketing
- Ability to learn quickly about diverse technologies
- Ability to work independently and remotely
- Commitment and availability for up to 10 hours per week (negotiable)
- Able to stay with the position for at least 6 months

Compensation
- Pay is $17-20/hour (commensurate with qualifications and eligibility)

To Apply
Please send your resume to “UMOTC@umn.edu” along with a very brief cover letter explaining why you are interested in the position.

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