OPEN HOUSE

Please join the law firm of Michael Best & Friedrich to learn about patents, technical research, and legal writing, and explore how your STEM background could lead to a career in law.

You are cordially invited to an IP Open House at our office in Washington, DC

601 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Suite 700 South

5:00 - 6:00 PM Networking & Appetizers
6:00 - 7:00 PM Intern/Full-time Program Formal Q&A

SPACE IS LIMITED
RSVP to Ginny Mueller at gamueller@michaelbest.com by Wednesday, March 1
SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN PATENT LAW

Michael Best strongly supports engineering and science students who have a desire to explore the world of Intellectual Property. If you have a passion for technology and a genuine interest in the law, there is no better place to learn about patents, technical research, and legal writing than at a cutting EDGE law firm.

We invite you to spend your summer with us exploring the world of Intellectual Property as a Michael Best EDGE Intern. You will develop your writing and research skills while working closely with our Attorneys, Patent Agents, Engineers and Scientists to prepare and prosecute patent applications in the United States Patent Office (USPTO) and around the world and to conduct patentability searches, infringement studies, and validity studies. You will have the opportunity to interact with clients, the USPTO and foreign associates. You will become an Engineer or Scientist on the cutting EDGE.

WHAT WE OFFER

1 IP Mentor & Advisor
12 Office Locations
10 Amazing Weeks
$ Competitive Salary
YOUR EDGE EXPERIENCE

MENTORSHIP As an EDGE Intern, you will:

- Explore the world of Intellectual Property
- Develop your writing and research skills
- Be guided through the industry by IP professionals
- Become an Engineer or Scientist on the cutting EDGE

DEVELOPMENT With your IP Mentor’s guidance, you will:

- Set goals and manage projects
- Network with other IP professionals within the firm
- Become versed in the latest technologies and developments
- Perform patent and technical research and writing
- Review patent applications and draft documents for attorneys and agents
- Research and report on patent filings
- Access the tools necessary to be successful and benefit from your time spent with us

YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATION Bachelor’s, Master’s and Ph.D. students, as well as Post-Docs, in the following majors:

- Computer Science
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Life Sciences

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Valid authorization to work in the U.S.
- A passion for technology and a genuine interest in patent law
- Demonstrated academic ability
- Excellent time management and follow-up skills
- Strong initiative and proactive in working with others
- Excellent verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills
EDGE Internship Program: FAQs
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How long is the EDGE Program?
Our 2017 Summer Program is expected to run 10 weeks from May 22, 2017 – July 28, 2017. Summer Program dates are determined in late summer/early fall for the upcoming year, so future dates are TBD.

What are the class sizes and schools represented in the EDGE Program?
Class size varies from year to year, but is generally in the range of 4-8 students. Recent summer classes have included students from:

- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- University of Wisconsin – Madison
- University at Buffalo
- University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
- University of Maryland – College Park
- University of Texas – Austin
- Various other schools

What class years are typical EDGE Interns?
Typically, when recruiting in the fall, we target engineering students in their junior year. They would start the EDGE internship the following summer after they complete their junior year and then, if they do well as an EDGE Intern, they would receive an offer to start with Michael Best full-time after they graduate. On a case-by-case basis, we would consider a candidate graduating in the spring, right before he/she starts the EDGE internship.

Do we consider international students for EDGE Internships?
Students must have valid authorization to work in the U.S. Michael Best does not currently offer sponsorship.

How will EDGE Interns receive work assignments?
EDGE Interns receive work assignments directly from our team members in the Intellectual Property Practice Group.

What kind of training will EDGE Interns receive?
EDGE Interns participate in orientation and training during the first week at the firm, with ongoing training programs offered throughout the summer to expose them to various facets of the firm and the world of Intellectual Property.

Will EDGE Interns have help during the summer?
Each EDGE Intern is assigned one Patent Agent as a mentor for the summer. Their primary responsibility is to provide the EDGE Intern assistance in obtaining work assignments, guidance on the work itself, and insights into the intangibles of firm life. They also help the EDGE Intern get acclimated to the firm, both socially and professionally.

What kind of feedback and evaluations will EDGE Intern receive?
EDGE Interns receive formal and informal feedback from the team members with whom they work throughout the summer, including formal mid-summer and end-of summer reviews.

How much are EDGE Interns paid?
The 2017 EDGE Interns will be paid $1,000 per week. Salary may be adjusted from year-to-year, and may vary based on office location.
Will there be any kind of social activities?
Social activities are organized throughout the summer. EDGE Interns are also invited to lunches, dinners, and other informal activities hosted by the team. Social activities are not mandatory, but are offered as a very helpful way to introduce the firm to EDGE Interns.

How will EDGE Interns find housing?
Our Recruiting Coordinator may provide EDGE Interns with resources to assist them in obtaining summer housing. Many EDGE interns already live near Michael Best office locations and are able to easily commute to their internship site and remain in their current housing.

When are offers to return extended to EDGE Interns?
Offer decisions are generally communicated within 2 to 4 weeks of the end of the summer program.